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CHINESE FORM STEEL RING IN SHANGHAI

SAILORS UNION REJECTS BID TO CIO PARLEY

Marine Cooks Electing 3
Delegates to Unity
Conference

Motion to send delegates to the CIO-called National Seamen's Unity Conference convening in Chicago next Monday, August 30, was blocked in headquarters branch, Sailors Union of the Pacific, last Monday night in San Francisco.

The Marine Cooks & Stewards were to count ballots Wednesday night, August 25, on their coast-wise election of three delegates to the Chicago conference.

In the SUP meeting, a motion to elect delegates was ruled out of order by Carl Tillman, the chairman; an appeal from the decision of the chair lost 100-110.

NMU Members Barred

A delegation from the MC&S speaking for the Chicago conference, was later received enthusiastically by the membership. Tillman at first tried to block the delegation from speaking.

Four National Maritime Union members, from the S. S. Virginia of the East Coast Intl. Mercantile Marine line, were refused admittance to the SUP meeting.

Joe St. Angelo, named by SUP Secretary Lundberg to "organize" Inland Boatmen Union members into the SUP, reported "good work" at the meeting. Asked how many men he had "organized," St. Angelo replied: "Twelve."

District Council to Step in

In a press release St. Angelo claimed nine San Francisco tug crews and "almost 100 per cent" of San Pedro tug crews had transferred into the SUP.

Attempts by SUP and Marine Firemen's officials to raid the IBU membership, was to be the main business of the meeting of District Council No. 2, Maritime Federation, on Tuesday night, August 24. The council will attempt to settle the jurisdictional question, announced Secretary Z. R. Brown.

Late last week C. W. Deal, president of the IBU of the Pacific, announced the membership of over 3000 voted 10-1 in a referendum to affiliate with the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Attempts by SUP officials to recruit IBU members brought swift answer from IBU leaders: "This is a raid on our membership."

Bridges Hits Raid on IBU

"CIO will not see its ranks raided," commented Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast CIO director. Bridges recently assailed SUP and Firemen's officials as "ballot-burners" pointing out it is well known their membership had voted overwhelmingly for CIO.

In another S. F. waterfront development, Henry Schmidt, president of Longshoremen 38-79, reported Teamsters' Union officials refused to allow unemployed teamsters to take work available through the longshoremen's hiring hall.

John P. McLaughlin, Teamster official, stated no more teamsters would go on the docks to work because longshoremen are "giving them education and disrupting all our meetings."

Schmidt declared that whenever extra work was available, union men of either AFL or CIO affiliation would be put to work on the docks at the regular longshoremen's scale.

Browder to Speak

Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, will deliver a nationwide radio address Wednesday, Sept. 1, on "The 18th Anniversary of the Communist Party."

National Broadcasting Company headquarters in San Francisco announced that the talk would reach the Coast stations of its Blue Network from 2:15 p. m. to 2:30 p. m., Pacific Coast time.

West Coast stations scheduled to pick up the speech are: KFSD, San Diego; KECA, Los Angeles; KGO, San Francisco; KEX, Portland; KGGG, Spokane; KJR, Seattle; KLO, Salt Lake; and KEAR, Phoenix.

Loyalists Rally to Halt Foe

"Stop the Fascists" Is Cry
As People Prepare to
Hold Santander

HENDAYE, French Frontier—Embattled Santander, besieged by a force of 90,000 fascist soldiers, dug in for a back to the wall stand here. Fascist bombing planes, having made a shambles of two additional towns, shared the work of devastation with five columns of troops.

PARIS — Fascist airplanes bombarded British shipping for the fourteenth time in three weeks, it was learned in a radio message picked up at Marseilles.

Possible British action in protest against the attacks on the high seas was to be considered at a special meeting of the British cabinet.

The Spanish government, meanwhile, prepared to file its formal protest with the League of Nations charging Italy and Germany with waging war against Loyalist Spain.

Latest Franco attack on British shipping came off the coast of Catalonia, when the Freighter Noemijulia reported by radio "We are being bombarded by two planes marked by white crosses in the middle of black circles."

The ship reported into Port Vendres without being hit.

CONTRA COSTA AID FOR SPAIN FORMED

RICHMOND, Contra Costa County—A county-wide organization to raise funds and other aid for the Spanish people fighting against fascism, was set up here last Sunday at a meeting in Cannery Workers Hall, with six labor bodies delegated and others represented by observers.

The meeting set up the Contra Costa County branch of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, electing an executive committee of seven to be enlarged as additional organizations affiliate.

Officially represented were the Contra Costa County Trades and Labor Council, Cannery Workers Union, Chemical Workers Union 266, Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of Richmond, Crockett Warehousemen and the Selby Local 51 of the Intl. Union of Mine Mill & Smelter Workers; Mexican Honorary Commission of Richmond, and the Workers Alliance. Visitors attended from Rodeo Oil Workers Union Local 326, AFL Federal Labor Union of Richmond, and Richmond Slavonian Club.

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JAPANESE JUGGERNAUT MEETS A CHINESE WALL AS GUNS ROAR



(Left) A Chinese soldier digs in as the enemy (right) prepares for a machine gun attack. As is evident in the above photos, the Japanese army has superior equipment, but Chinese heroism and determination have thus far held off the invaders.

'Western Exposes Scandal In S. F. Children's Hospital

"Blue Bloods" Direct Hospital With \$175 Total Payroll for the
Month for 75 People on Medical Staff!

By HARRY RUSSELL

SAN FRANCISCO—The Children's Hospital medical staff of 75 people receives a combined salary of \$175 per month!

Add to this a discipline making San Quentin Penitentiary seem like a veritable paradise and Alcatraz a summer resort, and you have a picture of conditions for hospital workers.

FOREST FIRE TRAPS BOYS IN CCC CAMP

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Cause of Tragedy

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MARCHERS WIN JOB PROMISE

Hopkins Promises to Re-
instate Jobless

WASHINGTON — Spokesmen for the nation's unemployed and WPA workers had achieved a partial victory following their arrival, 2000 strong, to demand jobs of the Works Progress Administration.

David Lasser, president of the Workers' Alliance, presented the marchers' demands for reinstatement of dismissed WPA workers who have not yet found private employment.

Harry Hopkins, WPA administrator, assured Lasser that no more lay-offs would be necessary and that those who accepted temporary employment would be taken back.

Arriving too late to impress "ongress with their demands, the marchers decided to fight the thing out directly with the administration. They had previously determined to demand passage of the Schwellenbach-Alien resolution to open WPA jobs to all needy persons, but the adjournment of Congress prevented this step.

From California, several score marchers joined the nation-wide demonstration for food and employment.

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Defenders' Guns Rake Japanese Reinforcements

Invaders Held Back In Heavy Fighting
Around Nankou Pass

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VANDELEUR LEADS TORIES IN CIO ATTACK

Heads Co. Union Move To Break Cleaners Organization

SAN FRANCISCO—With Edward D. Vandeleur, State Federation of Labor secretary, present for the first time in many weeks to lead the reactionary labor-splitting campaign, the San Francisco Central Labor Council in effect expelled another CIO union, the United Cleaners & Dyers, at its meeting last Friday night, although actual expulsion was left until last Monday night to a joint meeting of the council's executive and law and legislative committees, "with power to act."

"It's time this council took a stand," shouted Vandeleur. "Other councils have gone much further in expelling CIO unions. It's time to make room around here."

Union-busting Policy
Louis Goldblatt, of the CIO Intl. Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, flayed the labor-splitting move, stating:

"This is a new way to do it, but not the slightest deviation from the policy of union-busting followed out in the cases of the Cannery & Preserve Workers Union and Filling Station Employees Union (expelled recently from the council). This is sniping away at small unions, raiding their membership and attempting to destroy them."

Hits Dual Unionism
Referring to the attempts to brand the Cleaners & Dyers as a "dual union," Goldblatt declared: "A union is not dual if the organization by majority vote desires to change its affiliation. It is dual if after it has so affiliated, steps are taken to set up another union with the same jurisdiction. This is a violation of the Wagner Act."

The action against the United Cleaners & Dyers followed receipt of a wire from W. S. Gross, international president of the AFL, Cleaners & Dye House Workers, from Cleveland, demanding the council oust three delegates from Local 7 (now CIO local 447)—Emile Rabin, Richard De Martindale and Lee Harrison.

"Gross has set up a dual organization, calling it 'Local 7,' with one Chester Viotot in charge. Examiner Ad Seeks Scabs
Last Monday President Rabin of Local 447 charged that Joe Cesey, Teamsters official, and Lawrence Palacios, Laundry Workers Union president, were the forces behind Viotot in the attempt to disrupt Local 447. Viotot has set up offices at 1095 Market St., where Vandeleur's state federation office is located, and has put an ad in the Hearst Examiner asking for cleaners and dyers seeking work to come and see him.

Viotot and Mario Renzi have been cited into Superior Court Wednesday for violating an injunction forbidding setting up a dual union to Local 447.

Two CIO Victories
Rabin reported two more victories Monday, the union signing up maintaining picket lines in front of the Pullman Laundry, 4065 Normal St., having gone on strike here August 9 when Jack Pusker, union president, was fired for union activities. Twenty-seven workers are out on strike.

Vandeleur's "Threat"
In his bitter ranting against the CIO, Vandeleur threatened: "I am going to give the council an exposure next Friday of the filthiest, rottenest deal ever pulled on labor, by a CIO union right here in San Francisco."

Vandeleur has been repeatedly exposed in the council as sponsoring company unions.

Secretary John O'Connell complained bitterly of the Local 447 victories, saying "the signing up of the plants was because they threw picket lines around them."

O'Connell made the original motion to expel the three delegates, but withdrew it when Delegate Heidelberg amended it to put the matter before the joint committee meeting Monday night, on grounds of a legal technicality. Heidelberg is a deputy city attorney.

Laundry Strike Is Firm In San Diego

SAN DIEGO—United Laundry Workers Local 318, CIO affiliate, is maintaining picket lines in front of the Pullman Laundry, 4065 Normal St., having gone on strike here August 9 when Jack Pusker, union president, was fired for union activities. Twenty-seven workers are out on strike.

Local Dope Says 'Phooey on Farr'

Two "Joes" Swap Recipes for Keeping Championships

By CLINT DUFF

Two "guys named Joe" put their heads together last week at Pompton Lakes, N. J., and maybe slipped each



other their favorite recipes from the respective sports. The first sportsman was "socco" Joe Louis, now in training here for his big bout on August 26 with Tommy Farr

S.F. Chinese United Against Aggressors

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on the war, but not the Japanese people."

Another call, this time on Mr. B. S. Fong, whose card said he was president of Ye On & Co., 749 Clay Street, and who is at the same time the head of the Chinese National Salvation Association in San Francisco.

He explained that the Salvation Association has 22 branches in the United States, Mexico and Canada.

Are the tongs all supporting China, and do they still have differences with each other?

"The tongs have all stopped fighting each other," he said. "They are all fighting for China."

In China itself, he assured us, it was the same. "All the Chinese people are united."

We passed a group of young Chinese about a basketball court at the Chinese Baptist Church court. Most of them appeared to be 10 or 12 years old. "What are you fellows doing to help China?"

"I don't know," said one, but he had a half dozen copies of the Young China bulletin in his pocket.

"Are your families giving money to help China?"

"Sure, everybody does."

In the Chinese YMCA there was no one at the moment who would be a spokesman. But on the door sill there was a chalked slogan: "Down with Japan."

It was repeated on a pillar inside the street entrance to the courtyard.

Mr. Jensen Wu of the editorial staff of the Chinese Nationalist Daily, one of the five Chinese papers in San Francisco, was intensely interested in explaining the military situation.

He believes that the Shanghai attack will be put down. Japan, for the moment, is most intent on North China. But the concentration of Japanese ships at Tasingtao indicates that a major battle is in prospect on Shantung peninsula.

Wherever you go in Chinatown, it is China United.

A Different Story
But it is another story in the Japanese sector. Your informer parked on Geary Street a few blocks east of Fillmore and stopped some passersby. A Japanese boy looked quizzical and said he didn't know much about it.

An elder Japanese said in English that he couldn't speak English. A third, a young Japanese who loitered in front of a restaurant, suggested the office of the New World Sun Daily "up that way."

We took his suggestion. The editor, please.

We were introduced to young Howard M. Imazeki—slight, energetic and busy, as the editor of the English language section.

"The older Japanese," he said, "those born in Japan, are supporting the Japanese army. They are sending comfort bags to the Japanese soldiers and contribute money to the Japanese army."

Are they as active as the people in Chinatown?

"Much less! Much. You see, the Japanese association—that's the organization of those born in Japan—tried to get the Japanese American citizens' League to support the Japanese army, too, but it refused on the grounds that as an organization of American citizens it has no interest in supporting the war."

Opinion Divided
Further questions revealed that the English sections of the Japanese dailies don't always agree with the sections printed in Japanese. The difference is roughly, the difference between the younger and the older generations. And it would appear that the attitude of the younger

Muir Liberty League Aide, Says CIO Head

Woodworkers Leader Raps AFL Head's Attacks On Labor Board

SEATTLE—Abe Muir, executive board member of the Intl. Brotherhood of Carpenters, who at Longview last Friday told the National Labor Relations Board "to keep out of the lumber labor dispute" at Portland, has been charged by C. M. Olson, vice-president of the CIO Intl. Woodworkers of America, with being a co-partner of the American Liberty League in an attempt to break down the pro-labor measures of the New Deal.

Scores Pro-Landonites
Orton stated:

"William Hutcheson, president of the Carpenters International, was one of the chief supporters of Alfred M. Landon in last year's presidential election. Hutcheson has opposed the New Deal when practically the entire membership of the trade union movement is strongly supporting the wages and hours legislation, and other legislation of benefit to labor, as it supported the President's Supreme Court proposals."

"Muir now joins Hutcheson, the American Liberty League and Tom Girdler of the Republic Steel Corp. in attempting to break down the New Deal."

Scores Muir's Attack on NLRB
"Organized labor will have no patience with such attacks as Muir's upon the National Labor Relations Board, through which labor has been able to at least stem a number of the ruthless open-shop attacks upon it."

"Muir's statement that he and his colleagues will resist the right of the NLRB to step in, shows that in the dictatorial attempts over labor by the reactionary officials of the Carpenters, even the government is held in contempt."

"The international Woodworkers of America, along with organized labor as a whole, emphatically repudiates Muir's statement that the NLRB has yet to show any real value to labor."

The W. of A. joins organized labor in defense of the National Labor Relations Act and of the democratic rights of labor, which the Hutcheson-Muir machine has repeatedly flouted.

Muir's Last Resort
"Muir was so severely defeated in the St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber Co. elections that his only resort now is to attack the NLRB, which has proven of immense value to labor. Unable to win the support of the workers through fairly-conducted elections, as at Tacoma, Muir can only threaten the people with industrial anarchy, as in his Longview speech, in which he stated there can be no peace until every one joins the American Federation of Labor."

"Muir's attacks on the New Deal will only bring him and his kind one long step nearer to oblivion."

"WESTERN" EXPOSES RACKET IN HOSPITAL
60 Student Nurses Slave Long Hours for No Pay

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nurses (likewise wages zero). Total wages paid: \$175.

Violates Laws for Women
The student nurses do all the practical nursing in the hospital and none of them receive a cent in wages. Their regular work day is eight hours of hard labor combining the skills of chambermaid, janitor and porter and trained nurse.

After eight hours of work, they are often called on to work two or three hours overtime—all for nothing. For three months of their two year terms, they are on surgery and must be available 24 hours a day. During this period, they may sometimes be forced to work 24 hours straight.

Violation of the eight-hour day law for women is a common offense in this and in other hospitals, although nothing is done about it.

Army-Type Discipline
The nurses are under constant surveillance. Their time off is a matter of great concern to the hospital authorities. They must be in bed by 10:30 every night, except for one 12 o'clock pass a week, and one overnight leave a month. A permit to stay out might be granted, but not without a great deal of plaintive wailing on the part of the hospital officials.

Any infraction of rules, no matter how slight, meets with severe disciplinary action or else dismissal. The punishment, because of the favoritism practiced, depends on the "pull" of the individual nurse.

The officials in charge of discipline among the nurses have all the attributes of prison guards. The nurses are treated like convicts, and have a horrible fear that the time already spent working for nothing, in an effort to obtain a nurse's certificate, will be lost if they are dismissed.

And these are just a few highlights of the hospital racket backed by our "best people" in San Francisco.

Lewis Warns Democrats to Obey Mandate of People

FASCIST BAND UNDER FIRE OF LIBERALS

Conference of Mushroom Hitlerite Group Meets In Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo.,—The American Christian Conference, an incipient fascist organization which is no more Christian than the Nazis are Socialist, was under fire of local liberals here.

Dr. L. M. Birkhead, leader of the Liberal Center, accused the conference of being "a secret meeting of the major pro-Nazi, pro-Fascist and anti-Semitic groups of the nation." He further charged that it was an effort to "unify many small Fascist organizations" into a large fascist party.

The conference is composed of mushroom fascist groups with typical names like "America in Danger," "American Nationalist Confederation," and "Washington's Boyard."

In its declaration of purposes, it openly boasted of its fascist intentions. George E. Deatherage of Palo Alto, Cal., in outlining the group's aim, said:

"We are against communism. We are for Americanism. The million members of our organizations believe in some form of fascism because a militant force is the only way to combat communism."

This is the same type of line as used by both Hitler and Mussolini in their ascent to power.

Union Clerks Win Strike Against United Cigar Co.

SAN FRANCISCO—After a 79-day strike against 27 United Cigar Stores, the Cigar and Liquor Clerks Union has won its original demands for preferential hiring, 48-hour week and minimum wage scales of \$27 for clerks and \$32 for store managers, announced union secretary H. W. Johns.

Demands of the Warehousemen's Union, which was also on strike against United Cigar Stores, were also won.

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MOONEY DEFENSE RECALLS SACCO-VANZETTI MURDER

Declares Tom Mooney Must Not Share Fate of Boston Martyrs

Sacco and Vanzetti—Killed August 22, 1917—Ten years dead.

Mooney and Billings—Jailed July 27, 1916—21 years imprisoned.

On the tenth anniversary of the judicial murder of Sacco and Vanzetti, the Tom Mooney-Molders' Defense Committee issued the following dramatic statement from San Francisco:

Ten years have passed since Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, the good shoemaker and the poor fish peddler, were officially murdered by the state of Massachusetts. It was from the state conceded that Sacco and Vanzetti went to their martyrdom not because they were guilty of the crime charged, but because of their adherence to political doctrines hateful to the forces of greed and corruption, who sent them to death.

More than sixty million people proclaimed their belief in the innocence of Sacco and Vanzetti, and pointed accusing fingers at the State of Massachusetts for permitting the judicial crime perpetrated against these poor Italian workers to continue. To the last, most people believed that the case would be won and the victims freed by resort to the courts or the governor. When the United States Supreme Court refused to intervene and when the blue-blooded commission appointed by the governor spinelessly failed to denounce the murder, the awful truth finally forced its way into the minds of the countless numbers who still said, "They will not dare."

Mass Bosses Did Dare
Massachusetts did dare, or rather the ruthless industrialists who controlled the courts and the state administration dared, and so Sacco and Vanzetti were murdered in the men would have saved the way of the great mass efforts which the International Labor Defense and allied organizations tried to make in their behalf. But the murder of Sacco and Vanzetti proved a lesson in solidarity and mass action to the people and workers of America. Mass action saved Angelo Herndon, freed four of the Scottsboro boys, carried on the fight for the other political and labor prisoners.

While we commemorate the sacrifice made by Sacco and Vanzetti to the cause of human justice, we in California, taking our lesson from their sacrifice, again dedicate ourselves to continued struggle in behalf of our courageous heroes of the working class, Tom Mooney and Warren Billings.

When Sacco and Vanzetti were arrested, Mooney and Billings had already been four years in prison on an anti-union frame-up, admitted as such throughout the world. When Sacco and Vanzetti died, Mooney and Billings had been 11 years in prison, and today, on the 10th anniversary of Sacco and Vanzetti's death, Tom Mooney and Warren Billings pass their twenty-first year in the State's dungeons.

Mooney Desperately Sick
Today, Mooney is a desperately sick man. Twenty-one years of prison life and coarse prison fare have taken their toll on him. His heart still braves, his body is breaking under the strain.

The California Supreme Court has under consideration Mooney's petition for a writ of habeas corpus. The court is dodging a decision. Pressure from all progressive forces is needed to force the court to act. No one expects a favorable decision from this court which regularly has refused to do justice in the Mooney case, but a decision is necessary before the way can be cleared for appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

This Fall, the Mooney case should go to Washington. With a new liberal justice, Hugo Black, with the influence of the great drive of organized labor being felt throughout the nation, with the recent victory of Herndon and Scottsboro, with the general progressive movement sweeping the country, the United States Supreme Court should at long last free Tom Mooney and clear the way to free Warren Billings.

No liberty-loving person can forget the sacrifice of Sacco and Vanzetti. They fought for the masses. So did Tom Mooney and Warren Billings. Our answer must be to renew our efforts a hundred-fold to free Mooney and Billings, and win a victory for the working class that will still forever those elements who would destroy democracy.

Witness Reveals Blackjacking CIO Members Into AFL

SAN FRANCISCO—"I have to wear this Teamster button to keep my job," declared Melvin Hahn, employee in Fritsch's filling station, testifying in the suit of the CIO Filling Station Employees Union Local 410 for a preliminary injunction against Cassettana's Filling Station to halt firing of Local 410 members.

Hahn declared he was still a member of Local 410 but that he was forced to wear the Teamster button, although he had paid no initiation and attended no meetings of the Teamster Garage Employees Union.

"Let me know how long you keep your job," commented Superior Judge Dooling.

CHINESE FORM STEEL RING

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has already been bombed several times by Japanese air raiders, urged all Americans to evacuate immediately to Hankow, further up the Yangtze River. Although they expressed fear that the city is due for more such raids, Chinese air officials declared that their planes have shot down more than 50 of the Japanese craft since the war began. Backing up this claim, Chinese planes drove off the latest night raiders before they were able to drop any bombs.

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Transient Relief Conference Asks for Employment Survey

Santa Clara Labor And Farmers Move For United Action

Huge Labor Influx From Dust Bowl Demands U. S. Aid, Say Leaders

"The mounting surplus of agricultural workers in this state is strictly a federal responsibility. Once you establish your labor needs for the state, surplus labor from the Dust Bowl will have to be taken care of through federal projects and federal funds."

It was Grace McDonald, representing the Santa Clara County Labor Council, speaking at an informal conference in San Jose called by the Santa Clara County Council of Social Agencies on August 20th. At this meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce, representatives of labor, growers, welfare and educational agencies discussed the problem of dust bowl migrants from a local, state and federal viewpoint.

All present agreed that the first point in solving the transient problem was to find out, county by county, what the actual grower requirements were.

Aid Between Jobs Needed

"Once the number of workers required month by month was established on a county basis," said Mrs. McDonald, "it would be easy to total the requirements for the state and place the responsibility for housing and care between jobs on the proper government agency."

The goal of such a program, she said, was to establish transients in the communities where they were needed for the major portion of the year and give their children a definite place of residence with education and social life. If the wage earner had to fill in certain periods of work in another county, this should not necessitate the entire family roaming from place to place.

As a first step toward establishing transients and systematizing agricultural employment, the conference passed a resolution calling upon the State Employment Service to arrange for a conference of all agencies involved in the question of transient relief.

Associated Farmers Speak

Backing the proposal to determine labor needs, Mr. Morgan of the Associated Farmers protested what he termed the "popular opinion" that growers welcome an over-supply of labor. His statement that "We are also in favor of maintaining wages" was accepted with some reserve by the assembled representatives.

While speaking unofficially, Mr. Morgan said he believed the growers would cooperate in registering their employment needs with the state employment service.

Miss Rena Crosby, director of the state employment service in San Jose, said that her department was in a position to serve as a clearing house for labor legislation and would be glad to cooperate in this way.

Jonathan Garst, regional director of the U. S. Resettlement Administration, proposed the establishment of local camps to house migrants after the pattern of the U. S. Resettlement Camps in Arvin, Marysville, and Gridley. Garst, however, did not spend any time telling the delegates why the original plan for 20 Resettlement Camps had

MEXICAN LAND RE-DISTRIBUTION PLAN UNDER WAY IN YUCATAN & LOWER CAL.

MEXICO CITY—A vast redistribution of lands and the foundation for a rehabilitated henequen industry has begun in Yucatan with President Cardenas personally supervising the work as he did in the similar case of the Laguna cotton region last year. Hundreds of henequen plantations are to be made into cooperative farming units which will be worked by the peasant recipients of the grants.

The large henequen producers, who fought the reform by every possible means, made an eleventh-hour surrender, sending a committee of representatives to President Cardenas in Merida to assure him cooperation.

In the process of expropriation, the plantation proprietors are to be left the hacienda buildings, one hundred and fifty hectares (425 acres) of henequen land, and their mechanical equipment, but it is estimated that the government will also take measures probably by purchase to acquire these properties for the benefit of the new cooperatives, as well

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ENGLAND GETS AID OF LEAGUE

Arabs Hit for Opposing Loss of Country

GENEVA—With a slap at the Arabs for their "hostile attitude" in objecting to being deposed from a country they have occupied for centuries, the League of Nations mandate commission was authoritatively reported here as approving the British proposal for partition of Palestine.

The commission, which is in "reality controlled by the British," placed major responsibility on the Arabs for conflict in 1935 and 1936 and, with typical British diplomacy, administered a slap on the wrist of the British administration of the mandate.

Slight modifications, in no way affecting the essentials of the British plan that has aroused protest among Arabs and Jews, were understood to have been made by the mandate commission.

dwinded to three, nor did he promise the construction of more federal camps this season.

Disease Danger Acute

The acute plight of the transients was sharply brought out by many other speakers. Miss Laura Fittinghoff of the County Welfare Department, reported that transients requiring relief were increasing rapidly. A representative from the county hospital reported that a total of \$16,000 had been spent by that agency this year on transient cases, 594 of them from the dust bowl. All needed treatment which ranged from maternity cases to tuberculosis.

The danger of diseases, resulting from ill-housing and bad food was also emphasized by H. H. Robertson, field secretary of the Gospel Army. He warned of a typhoid epidemic which had already started in three counties and stated that the U. S. Public Health Service feared that typhoid would spread in six months to the entire state if proper medical and nursing aid were not supplied. Tuberculosis is also expected to take an upward swing in California as a result of the influx of tubercular, ill-nourished migrants and lack of funds for prevention and care.

The question of migratory labor was placed before the Council of Social Agencies by the Central Labor Council some months back.

The executive board of the Council, of which Thomas Ryan is chairman and Walter Lueberger, secretary, is the body which will take action on the findings of the conference.

NATIONS RUSH SEARCH FOR LOST FLIERS

Mattern, Wilkins Impatient As Signals Tell World Men Are Still Alive

POINT BARROW, Alaska—Hope has revived for the safety of the six daring Soviet airmen grounded in the North Pole region since faint radio signals spelling out clearly identifiable letters were picked up by Moscow receivers Monday.

Encouraged by assurance that the lost fliers are still alive, aviators of three nations are waiting here for favorable weather conditions before taking off on a systematic search for the big four-motored transport which disappeared August 14.

Await Clear Weather

Already grounded by poor flying conditions, Soviet Pilot Zedkoff waits impatiently for fog to lift before taking off again. With him are Jimmy Mattern, famed "round-the-world" airman, whose refueling ship crashed last Saturday while coming from Glendale, Calif.

Canadian veteran pilot, Bob Randall, is ready to renew his search from Aklavik, in the Arctic Circle, while Sir Hubert Wilkins, famous Arctic explorer, is waiting at the mouth of the Copernicus river for weather conditions to clear.

But over most of the Arctic and Northern Alaska area, a low ceiling lessens visibility and increases the hazards of flying. Fog and rain continue to drench the entire area.

Meanwhile, arriving from Seattle, a giant Sikorsky amphibian plane brought special radio equipment on order of the Soviet authorities, with which to search the ether for further signals and to direct the search.

FEDERAL PLAY AMUSES

LOS ANGELES—The play "Pinechico" which is being put on by the Federal Theatre is one that will amuse children and adults alike. It is scheduled to run until August 23rd at the Greek Theatre in Griffith Park.

WANTED HER SON TO FIGHT Anxious Mother Awaits Casualty List

LOS ANGELES—"I understand my son is dead. Have you a casualty list in order that I might be certain?"

The questioner was thin, elderly woman in a house dress and run-down shoes. She stood in the office of the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion. Beside her was a tall, thin boy, another son.

There was pathos in the scene. There was anxiety, but not hysteria. "I haven't received a letter from him in months," she continued, "and I wondered if he had been killed in a battle."

List Expected

She was told that a casualty list was expected. She would know any news of her son as soon as it could be transmitted to her. Somehow her reserved manner seemed to make unnecessary the efforts of the office staff to lighten the burden of apprehension.

"I wanted him to fight over there," she said, "because I think if he helps to win the war here won't be anything like that happen here. I don't want you to mistake me, though. My son went to Spain on his own. He wanted to fight for a cause that would help us all."

"I have to go now," she said. And she offered three cents, having asked if of the tall anxious boy beside her.

"You can mail us the list," she was promised that she and every mother thus interested would be given every bit of news as soon as it arrives. She was told:

"We are having a reception for the three Flaherty brothers in Los Angeles some time between October 9 and 16. We would like you to meet them because they have fought together with your son in Spain."

"I can't," she replied. "I live in San Bernardino and I have to hitch hike."

San Bernardino is 50 miles from Los Angeles.

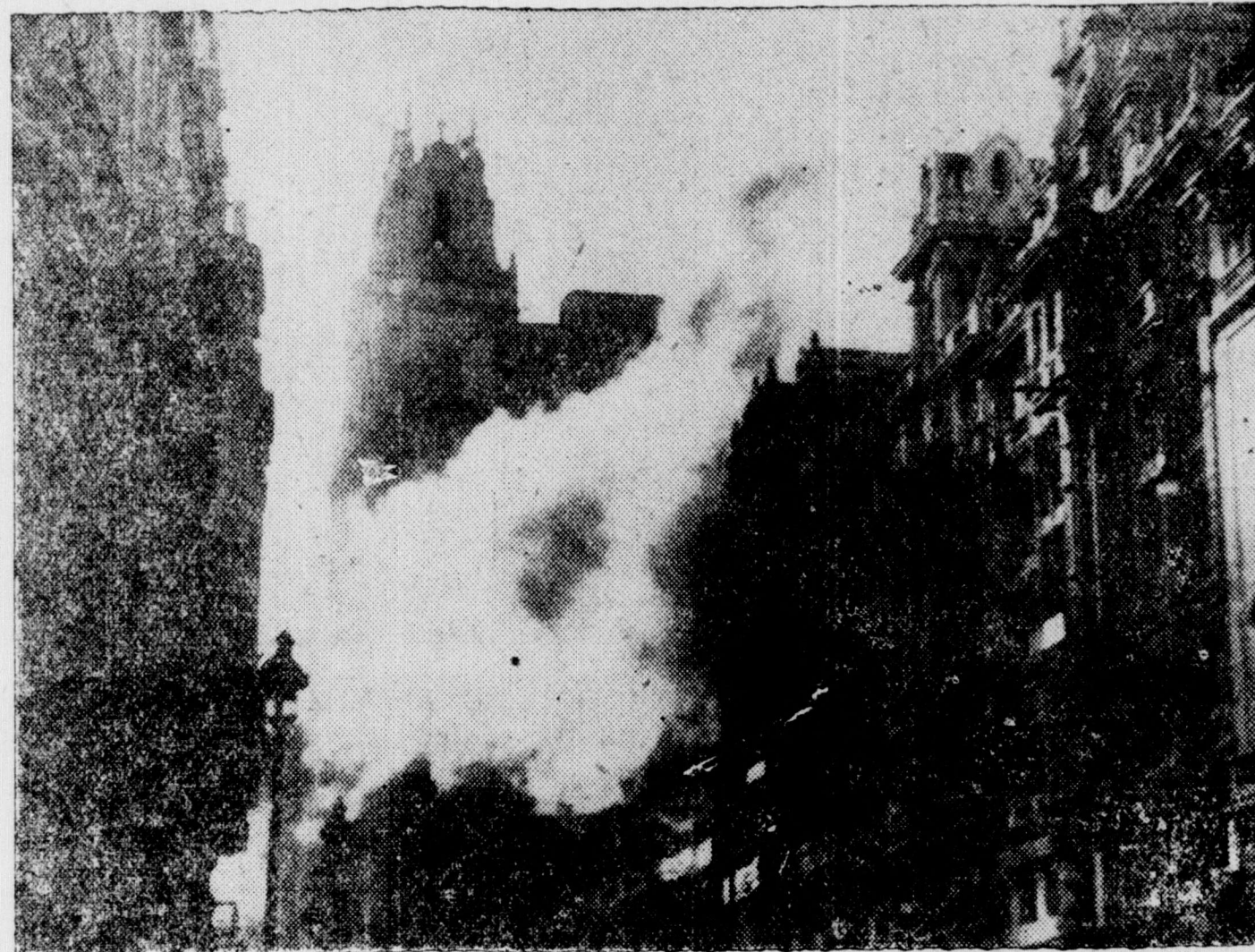
Everett, Wash., Typos On Strike

EVERETT, Wash.—Rejecting a compromise offer of \$1.033 per hour on their demands of \$1.10 an hour, the local Typographical Union struck both local newspapers, The Herald and The News, here last Thursday, closing both papers down. Printers were getting 93.3 cents per hour.

CIO Tobacco Workers Locked Out in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—Nine members of the United Tobacco Workers Union, CIO, have been locked out by Sensenbrenner & Sons Tobacco Co. The company denied it was a lockout, claiming it signed an agreement with an "independent" union of 356 members, the "Tobacco Workers Assn. of Los Angeles."

Madrid Street Scene as Shell Strikes



A SHELL from one of Franco's Nazi-made big guns lands in the heart of Madrid near the Telephone Building, the Spanish capital's skyscraper.

DR. BARSKY TO SPEAK IN S. F.

Noted Surgeon on Leave Of Absence From Spain

SAN FRANCISCO—Dr. Edward K. Barsky, chief surgeon and head of the American medical units in Spain, will speak September 9 in San Francisco, it was announced here by the Medical Bureau of the American Friends of Spanish Democracy.

It is anticipated as well that Dr. Barsky will speak in Los Angeles and other West Coast cities during his trip. He is on leave after six months activity in Spain.

The September 9 meeting will be held in Scottish Rite Auditorium, at 8 p. m., and will be accompanied by the pre-view showing of "The Heart of Spain," latest sound film to reach this country.

Paul Cline Will Talk On China At L. A. Open Forum

LOS ANGELES—Paul Cline secretary of the Los Angeles County Communist Party, is scheduled to speak at the Sunday Open Forum, 224 South Spring Street, August 29, at 8 p. m., on "China's Struggle Against Imperialism."

Admission to the popular Sunday evening meeting is 10 cents.

Bosses' Attack on Picketing Still On

The open-shop inspired wave of injunctions against unions, to hamstring their right to picket, is continuing.

In Oakland, a sweeping temporary injunction was granted the Walgreen Drug Co. by Superior Judge J. D. Murphy to restrain the Culinary Workers' Alliance from picketing or distributing literature at the company's 13th and Broadway store, or placing the firm on the unfair list.

The company claimed its employees had no quarrel with their employer and that union picketing, in progress since July 23, was illegal. Union representatives proved in affidavits that workers were discharged and intimidated for union activities.

Two Other Cases

Walgreen is seeking a permanent injunction. No date for arguments has been set.

In Santa Monica, J. H. Thomas, contractor, is seeking an injunction to restrain the Building Trades Union Local 300 from picketing a construction job at 1211 16th St.

Southern Laundry Service, Marine Laundry and Pacific Laundry, all in San Pedro, are also seeking permanent injunctions against picketing by the Laundry Workers Union.

Guild Gets Poll On United Press

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The National Labor Relations Board has ordered an election by secret ballot to determine whether editorial workers of United Press and Los Angeles City News Service, U.P. subsidiary, wish to be represented by the American Newspaper Guild for collective bargaining purposes. The Guild asked for the election.

Those eligible to vote include all editorial employees except managers of bureaus which consist of more than one man.

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Soviet Ship Saves Spain Crew When Shelled by U-Boat

Mussolini's Sub Bombards Spaniards, Leaves Crew to Drown

ISTANBUL, Turkey—Spanish seamen sobbed out tales of heroism and tragedy after their rescue from a watery grave by the Soviet motorship Varlaam Avensov, which steamed into port here from the Aegean Sea.

Seventy-nine Spaniards, all members of the crew of the ill-fated Loyalist steamer, Ciudad de Cadiz, were picked up from the waves by the Soviet ship after two torpedoes from an Italian U-Boat sent the Spanish vessel to the bottom.

Mussolini's submarine attacked the Spanish vessel at the entrance to the Dardanelles, and after releasing the torpedoes, stood by to shell the stricken steamer.

Fires Without Warning According to Captain Ostashevsky of the Russian craft, the submarine fired without warning.

"When we had already picked up the crew of the Ciudad de Cadiz, we discovered that five members of the crew of 79 were missing. We soon found them, however, and took them on board with the help of the Danish ship, the Luke Mersk, which hurried to the spot of the catastrophe."

Adding to Ostashevsky's story, Assistant Captain Ivanov of the Political Section, lauded highly the enthusiasm, efficiency and skill of the crew of the Soviet motorship in the rescue.

Throughout the Spanish war, Portugal under the Salazar dictatorship has served virtually as a base for the Franco invaders, and has supported Germany and Italy in international disputes over Spain.

Although fascist pressure was generally regarded as the reason for Portugal's action, the foreign office here termed it "a unique instance in diplomatic history of the failure of business negotiations leading to a formal rupture in diplomatic relations."

CHARGE GOODYEAR TERROR GASDEN, Ala.—In a four count indictment, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. here has been charged with sponsoring a series of terrorist acts against unions including hired beatings and sponsoring the "Etowah Club," a company tool.

INDIANAPOLIS—The executive board of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America has authorized its local unions to refuse to work with materials furnished by workers affiliated with the Committee for Industrial Organization.

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Maritime Labor Unity Is At Stake

THOSE WHO play with fire are likely to get burned. Certain officials of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific and the Marine Firemen's Union may learn that simple truth if they continue their ruinous course which threatens the solid front of maritime labor forged in the strikes of 1934 and 1936.

Differences of opinion and free discussion on labor's problems are one thing. The threat of war contained in the brazen attempt to raid the membership of the Inland Boatmen's Union is quite another.

Organized maritime labor will not tolerate these disruptive tactics. If it comes to a choice between labor solidarity and these certain officials, seafaring men will choose solidarity. Men died and bled to build the maritime unions and they won't stand idly by while anyone, no matter how high he has been in the councils of the union, threatens to wreck them.

And what else can one call the attempted coup but union wrecking? Here are the facts:

The Inland Boatmen built the union to a membership of 3,000 along the coast. They won contracts with ferryboat and towboat operators. They conducted a democratic election and of their own free will chose to cast their lot with the Committee for Industrial Organization. And along came officials of the Sailors' Union and the Marine Firemen trying to brow-beat the boatmen into changing their affiliation to these respective unions.

Is this the policy of unity he professes democracy which Lundeberg preaches?
Is this the policy of unity he professes to pursue?

Joe St. Angelo, Lundeberg's man, said that the raid was not intended to provoke war with the CIO, but what other motive could there be?

We put these questions to every honest sailor and fireman along the Coast. A leader who does not respect the rights of the membership of another union is not likely to respect the rights of his own membership.

We sincerely believe that the sailors and firemen will repudiate these splitting tactics and order, "Hands off the Inland Boatmen's Union!"

John L. Lewis Puts The Cards on the Table

TO PROTECT and advance its economic gains, to defend and enlarge its democratic rights, labor needs independent political action by labor.

This is the lesson to be drawn from the justly sharp attack leveled by John L. Lewis, Committee for Industrial Organization chairman, against Wall Street's stooges in Congress, both Republican and Democratic, and against the Administration for failing to whip into line those Senators and Congressmen who repudiated the mandate of the people in the just concluded session of Congress.

Government must function for the benefit of the workers and farmers of this country, not in the interest of those Wall Street forces who are moving to subvert it and to follow the path of Hitler in Germany. Said Lewis: "The chaos of unchecked private power in industry will inevitably culminate in new and probably greater business depression unless the workers and the farmers are given legal protection of their basic rights."

Knifing of the wages and hours bill by four or five members of a House Rules Committee was cited by Lewis, who declared this a challenge to Democratic Party leaders either to restore party discipline "or to confess that their party is not the vehicle by which the people of the country may progress to a solution of their pressing social problems."

More than ever this statement shows that the labor movement is moving in the direction of independent political action, to consolidate all progressive forces in the United States into an alliance under leadership of labor. In practice, the Labor's Non-Partisan League victories in Akron and Canton, Ohio, Democratic primaries, show the way. Progressive forces within the Democratic Party must be won for independent political action; the trade unions, both CIO and AFL, must be won for independent political action; Labor's Non-Partisan League must be built and strengthened throughout the country, welding together labor, farmers and other progressive forces.

Slowly but surely a People's Front, a farmer-labor Party, is taking shape in the United States to check the pro-fascist forces and to defend and advance the economic and political interests of the people.

Charter Jerking And Labor Day

GREAT PROBLEMS face labor on the Pacific Coast and in the entire country: organizing the unorganized workers, building unity in the labor movement, and repelling the open-shop offensive launched by big business from coast to coast, now sharply evident on the West Coast in the wave of employer-inspired injunctions against picketing.

These problems will be the major ones confronting organized labor, both in the Committee for Industrial Organization and in the American Federation of Labor, on September 6, Labor Day.

And the AFL top bureaucracy and its representatives on the Pacific Coast, take this critical time to play the game of the open-shoppers by new steps to split labor. The Contra Costa County Federated Trades & Labor Council has just had its charter jerked by Roland Watson, Wm. Green's personal representative, in typically high-handed and undemocratic fashion. J. W. Buzzell, Los Angeles Central Labor Council secretary, went last week to the Police Commissioners in an attempt to block a Labor Day Parade by CIO unions. In Oakland, reactionaries in the AFL are seeking to prevent one united Labor Day parade.

And then the Greens, the Vandeleurs, the Watsons, the Buzzells have the colossal nerve to assert that CIO unions are enemies of labor unity because AFL locals are voting to change their affiliation to the CIO! Contra Costa's council had its charter jerked because it refused to break unity by expelling CIO locals at Green's dictate.

The CIO universally wants united Labor Day parades in all cities to present a united front of labor against the reactionary drive of the employers, and their call for unity is receiving greater and greater approval from the AFL membership. Between now and September 6, let the AFL reactionaries who are blocking Labor Day unity be informed, by resolution and protest, that working men and women want to march shoulder to shoulder on Labor Day.

The People's Press Grows While Hearst Folds

REACTION'S VOICE is trembling. The Tory press, spouting lies and infamies against the forces of progress, grows perceptibly weaker.

See how the people, boycotting Hearst and the labor-hating publishers, have forced them to cut down editions, and close out their most blatant sheets through mergers and "reorganization" schemes!

The New York American is gone. The Chicago Herald-Examiner is going.

Meanwhile, the spokesmen for the people speak ever more surely. The press of progress and labor daily increases in prestige and power.

But let us not yet sing the swan song of reaction. The Tories have only begun to fight.

What is this "reorganization" scheme if not to lay in financial resources for another desperate drive on progress? What are these bids to the bond market if not to "dress up" and embellish their hated sheets so as to win back the people's interest?

This is no time for self-admiration. The cornered tiger is all the more ferocious.

To meet the coming attacks of reaction, the people need a press strong enough to withstand every difficulty. They need a daily press, to give blow for blow when it comes, and not several days later. They need a daily Western Worker.

Let every progressive and labor group now prepare to throw all their resources behind the drive for a powerful daily people's champion!

Congress Has Adjourned But The Melody Lingers On

CONGRESS HAS adjourned. But there is no adjournment in the people's effort to make their daily bread, in their needs and hopes. The fight that rent Congress will extend its battle lines into every community of America. Entrenched wealth versus the great mass of the people—and the people must make a better showing in this round of the battle.

The Democratic Tories in Congress betrayed the people. They knifed the program for which the people voted overwhelmingly in the last elections. They killed the Supreme Court reform. They reduced the Wagner Bill to a pitiable scarecrow. They blocked the wages and hours bill. They slashed WPA and doomed 427,000 persons to continued unemployment.

These are not the things the people wanted. Now they must organize their own forces to drive out these Tory betrayers who, not content with what they have done, would deprive the people of their most sacred possession—the liberties they have won through centuries of battle.

Senator Guffey, in one of the many post mortems on the recent session of Congress, said:

"... There will be other Congresses—Congresses that will not come to Washington and function here under the superstition the black robes make gods of men."

Yes, there will be other Congresses and only organized action of a great coalition of labor, progressives in the Democratic Party and elsewhere, can guarantee that they will differ from the previous one.

Now is the time to build this coalition on the Pacific Coast and create a fighting people's political movement for the coming state and Congressional elections in 1938.

Soviet Eagle Before Ill-Fated Flight



SIGISMUND LEVANEVSKY, Soviet "Lindbergh," at the Moscow airport before he hopped off for his trans-Polar flight to the United States. Now, the ace aviators of the two countries are hunting him and his companions in the frozen wastes of the Arctic Circle. With him in the photo are V. M. Molotov (right), chairman, and N. K. Antipov (center), vice-chairman of the Council of People's Commissars.

ONE YEAR IN SPAIN

By JOSE DIAZ

(General Secretary, Communist Party of Spain)

During a year of struggle against reaction at home and against fascist intervention, the Spanish people has accomplished a truly gigantic task, of which the organization of defense is the most important part. When the waitor generals rose, the people had at its disposal neither arms, nor the elements necessary for the formation of so extensive a front. Utterly and with unexampled heroism the masses of the people, who had already been warned by the Communist Party of what was to come, threw themselves into the fight, and captured from the enemy some part of the weapons they had stolen from the people.

Hitler Steps In

With these weapons they checked the advance of the rebels in the Sierra del Guadarrama, and won back the largest part of the country. Then the war immediately assumed a different character. German and Italian fascism, supported by the Portuguese Government, which connived at the rising of the generals, began, under the cloak of non-intervention, a war of intervention as the only means of saving the rebels from immediate defeat. Weapons and troops for the rebels poured secretly into Spain. With the help of troops recruited by force from Morocco and of Hitler and Mussolini's envoys, Franco was able to build up a regular army which had at its disposal big detachments of troops from Germany and Italy.

Our people had to deal with this new situation. The original militia units which had won the July victories were not sufficient to stand up against disciplined, organized, well-armed troops. A regular army had to be created. The Communists were the first and the most persistent in emphasizing the necessity for this army; but many difficulties stood in the way of its formation.

Communists Build Defense

Nevertheless, thanks to the untiring energy with which the Communists worked at the task, and especially as a result of the example of the C. P. in incorporating in the army its fifth regiment which consisted of 30,000 tried and disciplined fighters—the army was created, compulsory military service introduced, and all important official positions and elements reformed, and built up to form that great force which is the army today: half a million disciplined fighters, trained in military technique, under the command of officers who for the most part belong to the people; steeled in battle, and armed with weapons equal to those of the enemy, in some respects even superior.

In order to create this army and to supply it with suitable weapons, it was necessary to build up a powerful war-industry, to use our industry to the limit of its capacity. The Communist Party fought for this most urgent demand of the masses of the people. Today the foundations have been laid. The present government has created an Under-State Secretaryship for munitions and war industry, which will certainly nationalize those factories which belonged to the fascists and have been deserted by their owners and directors, and will use them to produce weapons for our army and to solve the difficulty of obtaining supplies, caused by the policy of non-intervention.

People's Army Formed

This made possible the people's great military drive, which at the same time held up the advance of an army consisting chiefly of the troops of German and Italian fascism, and prevented the insurgents from conquering Madrid. The strength of our army has been repeatedly proved on the Madrid front, especially in the resistance on the Jarama, and in the magnificent victory

over the Italians at Guadalajara.

Simultaneously with military work, important social and economic reforms have this year been carried through. A decree of the Ministry of Agriculture, issued on October 7th, nationalized the land of the big landowners, the Church, and of those who had in any way either provoked or taken part in the rising. This nationalized land was given to the toiling peasants and the agricultural workers for their permanent use, to be worked either individually or collectively as they chose.

Another decree of the same Ministry, at whose head there stands, since September, Vicente Uribe, member of the Central Committee of the C. P. of Spain, completes the work of the decree of October 7. It ensures all possible state help to collective farms, so that they may work the land and receive a reasonable price for their products.

Cultural Life Organized

In the cultural sphere the other Communist member of the Government, Jesus Hernandez, Minister of Education, has founded the workers' institutes, in which hundreds of young workers and peasants study, to reach the highest grades of science and technical knowledge. Hernandez has protected men of science and his laboratories and saved them from the dangers which threatened them in Madrid; he found accommodation for them in Valencia, in the famous House of Culture. In addition to this, the most valuable art treasures and libraries of incalculable value were saved, when German and Italian aeroplanes tried to destroy the capital of Spain.

The activity of the Communists both in the army and in the Government was made the more difficult by the fact that the correctness of their proposals was not always recognized by those with whom they had to deal. This was the case with the Caballero Government.

Within the Government the Communists fought steadfastly for the adoption of those measures which are the necessary conditions for victory; when they saw that their efforts were useless, and that they could not overcome the obstinacy of Caballero and his friends, they brought about the government crisis of May, and worked for the formation of the present People's Front Government. Here the Communists work on the solution of the fundamental problems of the war in close cooperation with the Socialist Party, the big Republican parties, the Basque Nationalists and the Catalan Generalidad, with a selflessness, and enthusiasm which would have been impossible under the previous government.

Discipline Established

The present Government has not yet solved the most important questions concerning the war and the revolution, but it has already created the preliminary conditions for their solution. It has established order and discipline in the hinterland; it has made an end to the treasonous activity of the Trotskyists, these agents of the enemy; it has begun the organization of a unified command throughout the army; the military bodies are functioning with increasing efficiency; spies and traitors who had crept into our ranks are being dealt with. Lastly, there is an atmosphere of authority, and a feeling that the Government is equal to its tasks. The Caballero government was a personal one, much hindered by the intolerance of its Prime Minister; today, on the other hand, the Government works by collective methods, with the consent of the parties and organizations which form it. At the moment the most important political problem is the creation of a united party of the proletariat. Conditions are favorable for the amalgamation of the Socialist and Communist Parties. Both parties are working together in the Government, fighting together in the vanguard, working together for the

solution of the problems of the moment, and there is a spirit of mutual cooperation and solidarity between the rank and file of both parties, such as arises in the trenches, in the factories and in the fields. On all fronts Socialists and Communists are fighting and working together to win the war and carry through the people's revolution. To the annoyance of certain elements which cannot rise above purely personal considerations, but who do not constitute an important part of the two organizations, the United Party of the Proletariat will soon form the firm, unshakable foundation of the anti-fascist unity of the Spanish people and the People's Front.

Other People Must Aid

This strengthening of anti-fascist unity will greatly facilitate our struggle against the invaders and against fascism. For this purpose, however, we need the help of the masses of the workers throughout the world.

The combined forces of German and Italian fascism have been launched against our people and are taking on Spanish soil a further step toward the war against Western democracy. We in Spain are fighting for the defense of our country, but at the same time we are fighting to defend world peace. For this reason all workers and all anti-fascists throughout the world must bring us energetic and effective help. Isolated action and individual aid are of little use in order to defeat fascism, to prevent its seizing Spain and unleashing a world war all forces of the international working-class movement must unite in common action.

Negotiations have been started between the Communist International and the Labour and Socialist International, regarding unity of action in all countries. The resolutions of the L.S.I. and the I.F.T.U., and the proposals of the Communist International, are in agreement. Why should not these three internationals unite to put their resolutions into practice?

This depends on the masses of the workers and on all anti-fascists. If the workers of all lands give unmistakable indication that it is their will and intention to go forward to unity of action, to unite the efforts of all anti-fascist working-class organizations, to defend the rights of the Spanish people, and world peace—then international unity of action will soon be a fact, and fascism will be mercilessly wiped out of existence.

LETTERS

L. A. Comrade a Go-getter

Editor, Western Worker:

As a former secretary of the Workers' Press Conference of this city, I started the slogan, "A DAILY WESTERN WORKER" about three years ago. I have been at it ever since, receiving little encouragement in this struggle. But when I was informed that the Central Committee has finally decided to make the Western Worker a daily, I immediately got busy in my Branch, 58, International Workers' Order, with the result that an efficient committee was elected with full power to make this money raising campaign a success.

In Branch 1, Eastside Section, Comrade R. and myself have started the ball rolling. The Branch has pledged itself to raise \$400. An efficient committee was elected and immediately proceeded to work out plans to raise the necessary money. I am sure that both branches will raise their quotas.

Comradely yours,

J. S.,

Los Angeles, Calif.

As We See It

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
Calif. State Secretary, Communist Party

Lewis and Roosevelt

"Is Lewis splitting with Roosevelt?" This question is being asked since the press has played up the "break" between the CIO leadership and the Administration. The statement issued by John L. Lewis last week at the adjournment of Congress was directed against the Tory Democrats who have defied the people's mandate, and against the weak-kneed position of the New Dealers who by their failure to carry on an aggressive fight have helped to defeat themselves and to give victory to the offensive of the Liberty League crowd.

Lewis' statement is an indication of the increasingly independent political role that the progressive labor leadership is taking, and its determination to press forward for the carrying out of the people's mandate of the 1936 presidential elections. Even the mildest attempt of Roosevelt to carry out that mandate has met with the bitter and uncompromising opposition of the Tories in his own party allied with the Republicans.

The Tories did not accept the defeat of 1936 lying down; this warning was already raised by the Communist Party directly after the elections. Instead, they took advantage of the middle-of-the-road New Dealers' attempt to conciliate with them, and succeeded in defeating the Supreme Court Bill, the wages-and-hours bill, the anti-lynch bill, and others. They have declared war on the New Deal, and they don't intend to compromise. The fond hopes of those who thought they could please "both sides" have been shattered, and the Democratic party has been split wide open.

Everyone has accepted the 1938 elections as a test of strength between the progressive forces and the forces of reaction. The progressive forces in the Democratic party will either have to take up this challenge, carry their fight to the people, meet the Tory offensive with an aggressive counter-offensive, or admit defeat and turn over full control of the Democratic party to the reactionaries. In such a case, the people who defeated Landon in 1936 may find to their dismay that the Landon crowd will take control of the Federal administration, riding in under the banner of the Tory Democrats. Comrade Earl Browder declared after the 1936 elections that it was "a defeat for reaction, but not yet a decisive victory for the progressive forces." And today it is becoming even more clear how true that analysis was.

But the progressive forces have the most favorable factors for victory. That is, if they will fight to carry out the 1936 mandate, and not retreat, conciliate, and compromise themselves to defeat. The most powerful factor for victory will be the independent political role of labor, through the CIO and Labor's Non-Partisan League, which will throw their full strength behind progressive and labor candidates to capture the Democratic nominations for state and Congressional office away from the Tory Democrats allied with the Republicans. The role of progressive labor will force the fence-sitters to get off the fence. It will more sharply crystallize the realignment of forces into the camp of progress and the camp of reaction. The Communist Party will do everything possible to strengthen the labor-progressive forces, that are today moving in the direction of an American People's Front.

AN EDITORIAL

The Enemy: Japanese Militarism

BOMBS dropped on Shanghai scatter shrapnel far and wide.

Not one on the West Coast realizes this any better than the Chinese and Japanese people in this country. They are the more aware of the war's closeness because they have relatives and friends in the battle.

But what kind of a war is this? Why is it that the Chinese people in California are unanimously behind China while the Japanese people are by no means united behind the Japanese forces?

The answer is clear enough. The Chinese people are fighting to defend their own country from aggression, their homes from destruction and their people from bondage. The Japanese people are being led on a destructive adventure by the same generals and jingoists who have driven down their wages, raised their rents and food prices in order to build the instruments of destruction of Japanese and Chinese alike.

When the Japanese in America are urged by the agents of these same jingoists to support a program which kills their relatives in Japan and reduces them to the role of serfs, is it any wonder that the response should be weak and growing weaker?

The Japanese and Chinese people in America have every reason to stand together, and to stand with the American workers—all in a united front behind the independence of China and the defeat of the Japanese war makers.

The labor movement on the West Coast has both an immediate and long-time stake in promoting this unity.

Wages and hours in California are in danger with labor divided.

Peace and democratic government in America are at stake so long as the makers of war are on the loose.

Then let the labor movement of America unite with the American people in the cause of peace. Join in demanding that the government in Washington invoke the nine-power treaty to stop the Japanese military adventure which threatens world peace.

That Daily Paper

Alameda Leads
Expect Outlines
Sub-Getters
Contest Ready

Alameda is off to a flying start in the \$30,000 Financial Drive for the Daily Western Worker. If you will remember, they got the jump on all other Counties in the big sub Drive. They had over half of their quota before the Drive was half over but "Darkhorse" Santa Barbara beat them out in the stretch for first place.

This time, say the Alamedans, they're not only getting the jump, but they're going to hold their lead right up to January 1st. They have gotten out their 2nd County Drive Bulletin already.

Materials Completed

Preparation of materials for the drive is being completed by the State Drive Committee. Methods used in the past will be coupled to new and progressive ideas. Framed Prints, Printed Collection Lists, Coupon Books, Certificates, Posters, Western Worker Calendars and many other items are now coming off the presses and will be sent to the Counties.

This week, the Outline Plan of Work for the Drive will reach the Counties. This outline must be read and kept for reference by all functionaries.

Cyclone Jerry Feingold, Ace-sub getter is going to have competition in the financial drive. No, no one has challenged him, as yet but we suspect that Comrades Schrier of Los Angeles, Sherwood of Glendale, Violet Orr and Sam Vast of San Francisco are making secret plans now to dethrone the Champ.

We asked Jerry the other day what he was doing about the drive. When he said "nothing" we warned him that he had better get going. "Don't worry about me," Jerry said scornfully. "Worry about the other comrades. Do you think I've forgotten the addresses of the 102 workers I got to subscribe to the Western Worker?" Jerry has undertaken a quota of \$500 for himself in the Drive.

At the Annual Western Worker Picnic in San Francisco, a donation was made to the collection for the paper, in the form of a pledge. Here's what it said:

I pledge two dollars every month to the Western Worker for the rest of my life. Signed, Comrade C. B.

P.S. I am 70 years old and I expect to pay this pledge for a long time.

Do You Like Contests

Here's a bang-up one and you don't have to buy a dozen tubes or irradiated tooth-paste to enter. Just write a short, snappy letter for this Column on the Western Worker, or the Financial Drive. Make it humorous, tragic, satirical, write it in the form of suggestions or ideas for the campaign. And for the best two letters received before August 29th, the writers will have a choice of either of these two books:

THE BEST OF ART YOUNG. A collection of outstanding cartoons by the famous revolutionary artist.

THE COCK'S FUNERAL. By Ben Field. A collection of Field's most powerful short stories.

Get busy now! And if you don't win this time, you will next. Because this contest will run from now until January 1st, with two fine books given away each week. Address all letters to: THAT DAILY PAPER, Western Worker at 121 Haight St., San Francisco. REMEMBER, YOUR LETTER MUST BE IN BY AUGUST 29th!

See you Friday.

Sports Magazine Of Union Center Has Star Writers

THE FRONT—Sports magazine of the Union Recreation Center at 32 Clay St., in San Francisco, price 5 cents.

The summer edition of this lively 24 page magazine now in its third issue with a circulation of 5000 has just come out with many copies getting over to the East Coast.

Well supplied with pictures and illustration, this issue offers an imposing battery of writers. Howard Smith, crack sports writer for metropolitan papers, writes the lead article, taking a few socks at baseball's royalists in his "Slavery in the Big Leagues."

"CIO Review" follows, especially written for THE FRONT by Philip Murray, Chairman of the CIO Steel Workers Organizing Committee. This good start is backed up by sport flashes, letters from Spain and other snappy articles by Humphrey Cobb, Ed Berman, and others.

The entire magazine gives concrete evidence of the fresh spirit coming into the Center as a result of the new trade union Center Committee which has been formed to manage the recreation building. This publication is worth five cents of any man's money.

'Salud!' Says Carl Bradley to Calif., And Special Greetings to Rossi, etc.

A DAILY WORKER FEATURE

COMMUNIST WRITER CAN'T FORGET WORK EVEN THOUGH ENJOYING 2-WEEK VACATION

By MIKE GOLD

HARRISON GEORGE is gone on a two weeks' vacation with pay. This is a revolution. The time seems not so far distant when Daily Worker writers got neither vacation nor pay.

The paper was always just one jump ahead of the bankruptcy law. It lived by a miracle that few understood. But I can explain the miracle now. It was because there were no bachelors on the staff.

It was the wives, those game little stenogs, bookkeepers, salesgirls and secretaries, who kept the staff of the Daily Worker alive. All honor to them, and let them be remembered when the history of this paper is written.

Certain people developed the theory that writers did not eat, and therefore need never be paid. Writing was a pastime anyway, a sort of loafer's job.

Even when there was a little accidental money on hand, the business managers always used it to buy new furniture or drinking cups or the like. The writers were the last charge on the industry.

Now this attitude is finally ended. The final proof is Harrison George's vacation. Journalism is at last being recognized as an honorable occupation. Writers do actually work. You need printers. But you also need writers. Paper is important, furniture is necessary, type must be set. But the words that go into the newspaper are also important. Wow! It is really a revolution!

Communist Writer's Job Not Easy

Writing must look easy, but if done professionally, not whenever the mood strikes twice a year, but day by day, it is a nerve-racking job that sours the belly, turns the hair gray and blisters the backside.

Writing a daily column is a torture that few understand. Bourgeois communists suffer through it by drugging themselves with gin. They also can afford to be trivial half the time, write about night clubs, minor irritations, or about their cats and dogs.

A Communist columnist has to handle bigger themes, because he is writing for a grown-up audience. He's not an irresponsible free lance, and he isn't just a hireling, a paid entertainer. He has to be a pretty good Communist, and though he may take a drink now and then, a Communist doesn't mix his gin with his Communism.

So there you are. Try to write any sort of a daily column under any conditions, and it is hard. How many people can keep even a daily diary? They give up after a week. Now try to write a daily Communist column that has sparkle, observation and sense to it!

Remember that you must do it even if you have a toothache, or have just quarrelled with your wife, or have fallen down a manhole. Try it as I did recently: travelling 500 miles a day through hot, dusty desert country. Getting in sore and washed out at nine or ten at night to a tourist camp. Your companions relax, bathe, drink some beer, get ready for bed. But you have to sit down at a typewriter and sparkle. You have to write a column!

Harrison Won't Forget Column

They have given Harrison George a vacation. But I predict that wherever he goes, be it to the mountains or the seashore, he will not be able to shake off his destiny. Harrison will be gloomily composing columns in his head.

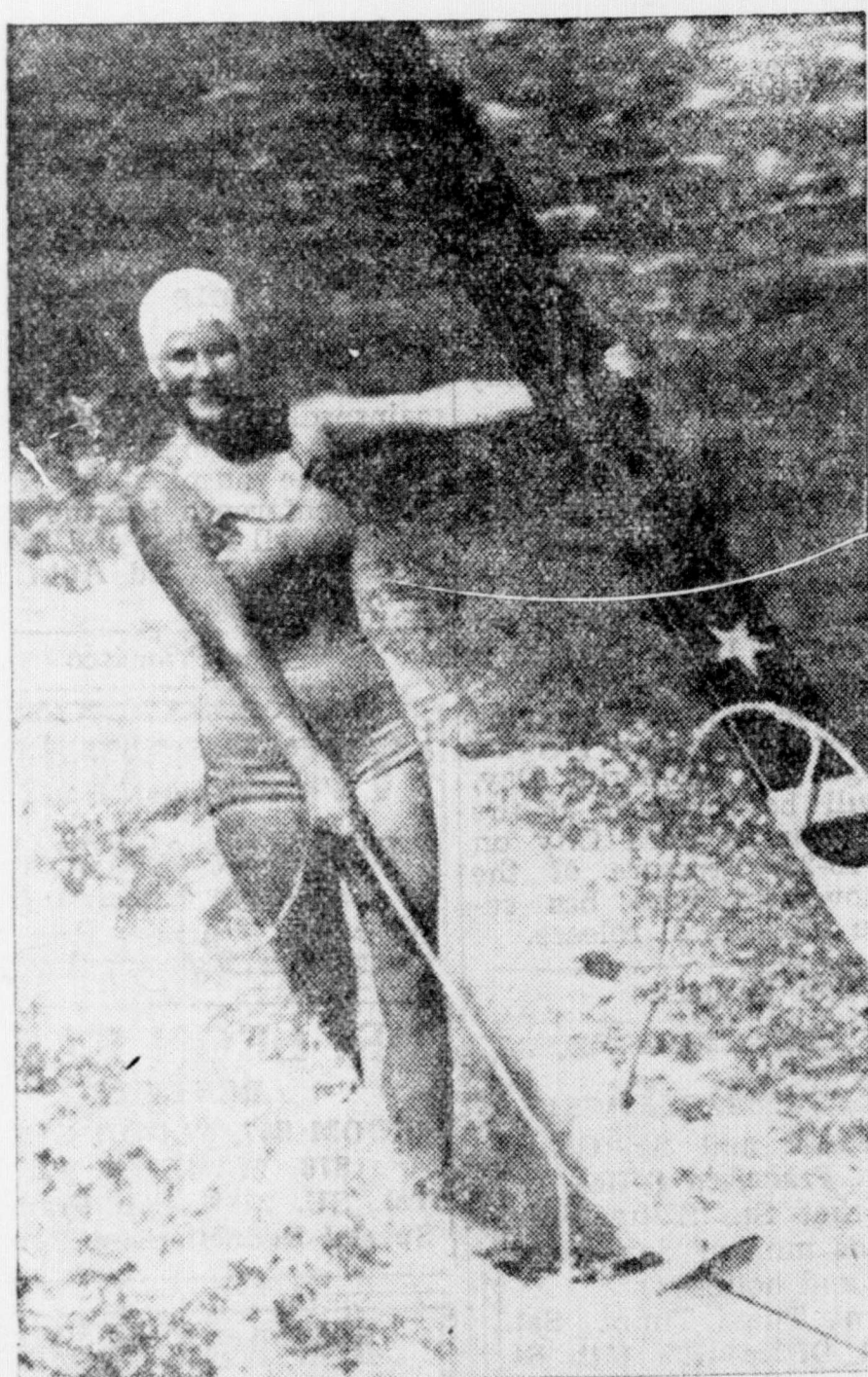
The sun will shine, then the stars appear in a poetic evening sky. Harrison won't even be able to take notice. He will be biting his finger nails in a corner.

A seaman forgets the ocean for a while and enjoys himself on shore. A farmer comes to the city and blots out the memories of corn and potatoes among the white lights. A furrier says to hell with fur when he goes on a boat ride with his girl. A steel worker dresses up on Sunday and drives to some place and back and doesn't think of steel.

But a columnist—he can never forget his damn column! It's an obsession after a time. It's a daily disease for which there is no cure but writing another column. Nobody but a fellow columnist understands you, but even he is too sorry for himself, and too busy, to give much sympathy.

It's a hard life. I am sorry for Harrison George and sorry for myself. I am raising my little son to be an editor.

Stream-Lined for Speed



ARNETTE WEBSTER'S wind resistance is pretty low as she imitates a stork by holding one water-ski aloft while toeing the other in tow of a speed-boat off the coast of Brigantine Beach, N. J.

Carl Bradley, writing this letter under fire from fascist guns, was industrial section organizer of the Communist Party in San Francisco. He volunteered to help the Lincoln Battalion drive Franco back to the sticks, and is now with our boys in the Loyalist offensive around Madrid.—Editor.

July 23, 1937.

This is your pal, Carl Bradley, broadcasting. I had promised to write many months ago, but as the saying goes in Frisco, "with your head in the clouds and your feet in the manure pile" you sort of go in a tail-spin and forget all but your immediate concerns.



not the right way to be, so here goes.

You may think that all is rosy and lovely according to the light vein of aforesaid paragraph. We are lying on the side of a hill in the Sierras, with sparse vegetation, meaning little shade. Most of us go around with that half-goofy look that comes from intense heat. Some of the fellows are quite touchy and sensitive—the threatening whizz of bullets almost 24 hours of the day constantly remind you to watch your step, take cover, walk in gullies.

Bombed by Fascists

In fact just two minutes ago the Lincoln Battalion was subjected to a gruelling aviation bombing from German and Italian planes. We all sought cover in "fox holes," crevices under camouflage bushes, etc. To foil the planes, the main thing to do is stop all movements, in other words, wherever you are—DROP—cover your face—and then comes the hell. Honestly, all my comrades and friends in America know that I want to see a world some day where man will not hurl barbarous death on other men, but they must put all sentiment aside now and face cruel, actual facts as I and others have done on countless occasions.

I sometimes think this way as my face is pressed to the soil and I grovel in the earth as a man tortured with a flame from an exploded oil geyser, and I hold my body so still for 30 minutes—70 minutes—30 years—70 years—perspiration comes from every pore. Occasionally I

shrink from one who gets shell-shocked—gone crazy—some bodies blown to a thousand pieces, and some with serious wounds. When the bombs are so close that I can almost feel the flames and the opening of earth ready to grab ahold of me—things go through my mind:

Thoughts Under Fire

1. Stay absolutely quiet.
2. Maintain a calm and defiance.
3. An occasional peek to see if the enemy infantry or hand grenade squad is creeping on us with the aid of their aviation fire.
4. Whenever death seems inevitable, I always smile to myself a smile of contentment because I have been in the Communist Party since 1927.
5. The faces of Stalin, Dimitroff, Browder, Foster and another comrade I love, always cross my mind.
6. As one group of planes have already dropped their "eggs" and another group is following just a little farther in line to drop some more eggs—in that fleeting few moments—happy that I got a break but seeing the others coming, I most always have a great "political" ambition that in my close proximity then should be Mayor Rossi—friend of Mussolini, Chief Quinn, S. F. Police Chief, Sheriff Dan Murphy and Ed Vandeleur.

Attention, Dan Murphy!

Gentlemen, honorable gentlemen of S. F. barbarous fascism has intervened on Spanish soil. Germany and Italy have come with hundreds of planes and bombs, murdering Spain's people, women and children, dropping bombs on defenseless cities. Sheriff Dan Murphy says: "Oh, it's all red propaganda. Don't believe the newspapers. I want to see it myself before I believe it."

Well, Brother Dan, I heard you say it right in the Central Labor Council of San Francisco. But Dan, I went over, as many others did from Frisco—to sort of look over things for you, Dan, but now you, Rossi, Quinn, Vandeleur, since we're all together here, let's talk over things, because I am taking the liberty in this letter to appeal to every trade union, its officers and membership, to all people of S. F. to do everything humanly possible for Loyalist Spain.

Let's stop talking now. Flop on the ground gentlemen! Be careful, you will tear your trousers if you squirm on the ground so much. Say, Ed, cover your bald head. A bald head is very visible. Chief Quinn, good thing the folks of S. F. don't see their

faces. Well, let's get away from here to Bilbao, Malaga, Barcelona, Madrid. Let's flee to the city. At last we are here—get down. Planes? Oh yes. In cities, too.

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CARL BRADLEY,
S. R. I. 17-1,
Albacete, Spain.

LETTERS FROM CALIFORNIANS IN SPAIN

Fights Against Moors, Italians, Germans

Dear Comrade: Just a few lines to let the boys know what happened to me and why I ran away. You all know what Hitler and Mussolini are trying to do here in Spain. Well, I had my eye on them too, and could not sit idly by and let them get away with it. That's why I skipped out on you fellows and came over here.

On the front where we are now fighting Italian and Moorish troops and German aviators. I hear their planes in the air now—five big Junker bombers. But I may have to stop writing if they come much closer. They are flying with their tails low and are not making much speed, so they must be loaded for business.

Well, you should have seen me dive into that hole. They laid their eggs but in the wrong spot. Our artillery is sure giving their trenches the works now.

I guess we'll be going over the top in an hour or so, as soon as our big guns quit shelling. Say, this is the finest bunch of men I ever had the honor of being with. And believe me, no fascists are going to stop them! Some of our German boys are cursing now, telling their countrymen on the other side what they think of them.

We are slowly gaining ground here and every one is in the best of spirits. I am getting along fine except for the language handicap. But I would damn near give my helmet for a package of American cigarettes right now.

Well, here comes the "runner" and I presume he's bringing orders, so I had better close. I will come back when Spain has gained her freedom from intervention.

R. DELL,
Albacete, Spain.

Lincoln Battalion Men Want Cigarettes

Dear Phil: Greetings from the boys! There are now 2000 of us Americans in the trenches. We have come a long way since you were with the battalion. For the past two months the Abraham Lincoln Battalion has shown the fascists that when our boys say "No pasaran" they mean "No pasaran Pasarnos," we shall pass!

We have heard that you've started an organization of "Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion," to help the boys

in the trenches. That's swell. You know what it is like here—constant bombardment—nerve wracking waiting to "go over"—nervous tension between fighting—without cigarettes, without chocolates, without reading matter with news from home. The men need blankets, shoes, first aid kits, socks, etc.

Well, you know what it means to the men to receive support from their friends back home—to know that we are not alone in the fight against the fascist attack. We'll do our job on this side—don't let us down on your side!! Salute!

Comm. Robert Merriman, Comm. Allan Johnson, Lt. Oliver Law, Capt. Jim Kelly, Capt. Martin Hourihan, Capt. Edward C. Flaherty, and the Boys.

Front Line Trenches near Madrid.

Fascists Bomb Small Towns at Madrid

Dear Comrade: I arrived in Spain on the 15th of April and went to Barcelona and from there here through Valencia. As we came into Valencia the town was bombarded, but little damage was done. The planes went away, but returned an hour later.

The fascists are bombing many small towns around Madrid and are killing many non-combatants. They have killed many women and children.

The people were very friendly on the road from Barcelona. They brought baskets of oranges to the train and cheered us with salutes and the raised right fist.

I have been in many small towns watching the men come in. The people are very much interested in the help we Americans are giving.

I have seen some wounded comrades. The fascists are using thermite bullets. This type of shell causes very serious wounds and exemplifies the fascists very well.

We are all hoping for as much support as possible from you comrades at home.

Spain is a very beautiful country and will be a wonderful place for workers after the war is over. The troops here are of all nationalities and show very good spirit. Salud!

BEN,
Albacete, Spain.

brave chief now! Mayor, your dignity! You never acted that way when the unemployed came to your office. Brother Dan, what do you think of "seeing is believing?" God, your red face turned awful white!

Here the Planes Come!

Look up in the air! Forty-five German, Italian planes loaded with bombs. Boys, what are they doing way over here in Spain? They want the minerals, wealth and labor power of Spain for furthering their Fascist aims. Boys, they use aviation and thousands of bombs because they can't depend on their own soldiers. But gentlemen, you get no consolation from that fact. Don't move now. Boom, boom, boom—50 or 60 times! Also a few incendiary bombs to set everything on fire around you.

Yes, boys, it's hell what women and children of Spain go through. Let's stop their damnable murders, their damnable barbarities. In the last eight days, 27 of their planes were destroyed—our forces are advancing—great fighting determination exists in the people of Spain. They are determined to fight and defeat the Fascist invaders.

True, many of Spain's people are being killed and the various sections of the International Brigade have long lists of dead and wounded, but the struggle of Democracy against Fascism, the fight of Spanish people against German and Italian invasion will be victorious, because they are defending what is right and humane. But boys you can expect those things on a battle field. Oh yes! yes! yes! maybe you would like to transfer your whereabouts to the cities in Spain away from the battle field.

But just a minute before we go to the city. You had better eat a bit, because you haven't eaten for a day and a half. You're in luck! Here comes the food truck. Down in the valley on the road. Here comes a food truck. Food at last! Well, I'm a—

their artillery got our truck. Tough luck, eh?

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YCL'er Tells of United Socialist League

Dear Doty: Joe and Nat have just left for the front. They kept me here as part of the nucleus for the new American Battalion being formed. I went to the commander and registered my protest, but it didn't do any good.

The company commander is a YCL'er from Northern California and he likes my work. The men are all swell; learn fast and do their work well. Our new battalion may be called LaFayette, Tom Paine or Patrick Henry. I prefer the last because the slogan "Give me liberty or give me death" can become very useful in our propaganda work for Spain.

Several nights ago I had the opportunity of observing the United Socialist Youth League using the broad approach we are fighting for in the League throughout the world. Using the largest theater in town, they put on a play which in simplicity and intelligent approach can't be beat. It brought the message home to even the least politically conscious person present.

I'll have to cut this short. It's 9:30 and the bugle has just blown taps. Give my regards to all the comrades.

Your comrade,
GEORGE,
Madrid Front, Spain.

Tells World to Beware Of Trotskyites

My Dearest Comrade: After three long months of silence this week has been a tremendous success. We got newspapers which gave us local and state news. Send us more news—clippings, etc.

Last night we were visited by a sound truck from Madrid and while they were in the second movement of a symphony, the fascists decided to rearrange the piece. It was seven and the sun was setting into a beautiful, breath-taking spectacle. A terrific bombardment broke out. So there Ham, Dick and I watched the sunset, and heard the symphony which blended with the bombardment.

Many things are difficult here. We need soap and medical equipment very badly—soap is worth its weight in gold. There is always the possibility of boys dying, not from slight wounds, but for lack of medicine and bandages. Here a whole people has found

HOLLYWOOD

ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE CELEBRATES YEAR'S DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY

By LONGFELLOW CARSONS

"Nazis should be left alone to settle other people's affairs in their own way!"

This ironical Hollywood wisecrack was given out by Humorist Bob (Robert to you) Benchley as part of his entertainment in the memorable First Anniversary dinner-dance of the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League for the Defense of American Democracy a few weeks ago, in the Fiesta Room of the swank Ambassador Hotel.

That crack got a big laugh from the big crowd of Hollywood people—film folk and professionals—gathered, at a fancy price per plate, to help celebrate one year of activity of one of the most energetic, lively, and unusual of all the groups fighting fascism.

Founded, led, and supported to a large extent by motion picture artists—writers, directors, actors, etc.—the League operates on the principle just opposite to that humorously formulated by Robert Benchley.

With some 4,000 members, two radio programs per week, an eight-page newspaper every two weeks, and an ambitious program, the Anti-Nazi League is showing even the most timid souls in Hollywood (and there are plenty) that the Nazis must not be let alone, or they will manage to settle other people's affairs. And in just about the worst possible sort of a way for all those people who make their living, large or small, by working in the motion pictures and related industries.

More and more during the year of its existence, the League has stressed the second part of its name—"in Defense of American Democracy"—realizing that there is no way to fight the activities of Nazi agents here and abroad without defending and extending those democratic rights and civil liberties which we have today.

"NEWS OF THE WORLD"

The tabloid size paper of the League devoted to these principles was launched under the title "Anti-Nazi News" but then the name was changed to indicate the broadest scope to "NEWS OF THE WORLD: A Journal in Defense of American Democracy." NOW for short, and to indicate the immediate timeliness of the news and view of its columns.

Editor of NOW is H. A. Klein, correspondent in Germany for American newspapers, both before and after the advent of the Nazi regime. He has written widely on the past and present of Nazism. The paper reaches something more than four thousand regular subscribers through the mail. Through a news agency, copies are sold on stands up and down the Pacific Coast.

NOW has made several journalistic coups that should be remarked on. Most prominent of these is the first publication anywhere of the full text, and background facts, of the intimidation letter sent by the local German Consul, George Gysling, to members of the cast and company of "The Road Back." (NOW, issue of April 10.)

From the columns of the paper, the text and story of the letter were picked up by papers and news services all over the country, and finally, over the world. Instead of being buried, the story became a real issue.

Today a large part of the support for Spanish democracy which has been forthcoming in Hollywood, can be traced to the work of the Anti-Nazi League. For through its meetings and radio and newspaper, members of the League were made to realize the real meaning of Spain's heroic struggle against the Fascist invaders.

NAMES COUNT IN HOLLYWOOD

In Hollywood, names mean a lot. It is a prestige place. An affair is a flop or a success, an organization is a going concern or a dead loss—in the eyes of the movie people—according to the names associated with it.

Well, the League got the names; it "rates" today more than ever. After a year of hard work, in the face of frequent indifference or even under-cover opposition from the owners of the studios and their stooges, the Anti-Nazi League staged its "birthday" affair to raise funds to assist its work in the year to come.

Here are some of the hundreds of \$10 per plate guests at the League's affair. It was rated as a "million dollar show" because it included, among many others, such notables as:

Johnny Green and his orchestra, Gordon & Revel, song-writing team; Robert Benchley and Charles Butterworth, Milt Gross (he drew cartoons), Donald Ogden Stewart the humorist (chairman of the League), Sigmund Romberg, composer, and Benny Goodman, with his hot swing quartette.

FREE CLASSES IN MUSIC OPEN

What to Read A Pamphlet for Laundry Workers

By O. C. YOUNG

SAN FRANCISCO — The fall schedule of music classes in the San Francisco evening high schools has now started, so once more those over 18 years of age have an opportunity to develop their talent without cost.

Sponsored by the S. F. Adult Education Program, classes in orchestra, band and choral will be given at Balboa, Commerce, Galileo, Humboldt and Polytch-nic high schools from 7 to 9:15 p.m.

Whole classes are working together to drive the invaders out—to save their homes and families from the fascists. In the States there you must unite to save the whole world from fascism.

On one side of me is a Catholic youth passing ammunition to an old Anarchist, who puts it into a machine gun fired by a young poet from England.

I must warn you, warn all friends of democracy to beware of the cynics who follow Trotsky. Here, where the line is drawn sharply, where you are either for or against the Spanish people, where one either shoots at me or with me, it is much easier to see what these so-called "revolutionaries" represent. I tell you, here among the masses of Catholics, Democrats, Communists and the masses of Anarchists, the word Trotskyite and Fascist spy are synonymous, as is their work.

Well, my dear comrades, I shall write more but even if you get no letters from me, write as often as possible. (Here is another bombardment!) Unity, unity, unity!

Ramen.
George Washington Battalion on the front in Spain.

Reference notes and legal quotations leave no doubt as to the accuracy of the statements made. After exhausting every other possibility, the authors lead the argument to its only logical conclusion, unionization. Only by the threat of withdrawing the labor power of all workers in an industry, can the workers hope to improve their conditions.

The authors not only show the way for the laundry workers, but also for the consumers in whose interest it lies to improve working conditions in this industry. In this respect, I think, it deserves special mention. To write a good pamphlet is a job of its own, and, by no means, an easy undertaking. Pamphlets are intended for mass circulation, to reach new masses, it must be done in easy readable and understandable language. But, like a good story, it must also keep the interest and build up suspense.

Tories Promise Bitter Struggle As Congress Adjourns

PROGRESSIVES MAKE APPEAL FOR OFFENSIVE

"Reaction Has Refused to Accept Defeat," Say 5 Congressmen

WASHINGTON—Amid bitter challenges for a fight at the polls in 1938, the first session of the 75th Congress closed Saturday. Having assembled with one of the most emphatic mandates ever given to a congress, progressives were agreed it had disregarded the mandate in most essentials.

On the eve of adjournment, a group of five of the progressive bloc in congress issued an open letter to the American people in which they pointed to the defeat or disfiguration of most of the progressive legislation proposed during the session and warned that "reaction has refused to accept defeat," but hailed the awakening consciousness of the American people and declared "We have just begun to fight."

Closing Actions

In its closing hours, the congress worked out differences in the Wagner-Stegall housing bill, sending the \$526,000,000 measure to the White House, it passed a deficiency appropriation bill and a measure to provide a census of the unemployed. Of the remaining measures which a month ago were listed by President Roosevelt for urgent consideration at this session, the lower court reform measure, a sugar control bill, a measure to plug loopholes used by tax evaders had already been passed.

The wages and hours legislation, however, had been stricken.

Split Deepens

The challenge made by President Roosevelt in his radio speech from Roanoke Island, took the spotlight in the closing session. It brought the reactionary Democratic opponents of the administration, those who had joined the Republicans in killing the Supreme Court reform bill, into an open defiance and challenge to fight out the major issues before the voters in 1938.

On the positive side of the picture, congress in the session just closing had passed a new Guffey Act to regulate the coal industry, a new railroad retirement act, a housing bill, and bills to provide funds for continuance of the LeFollette Civil Liberties committee and the National Labor Relations Board.

On the negative side, apart from the extreme rimming to which it subjected even that progressive legislation it passed, the congress had refused to agree on reformation of the Supreme Court, completely sidetracked the wages and hours bill, reduced the farm tenancy legislation to virtually nothing, failed to pass any other farm legislation, and left the government reorganization program unaccomplished.

Of those progressive bills actually passed the housing bill was most notably defeated.

As a result of the congress's action, more than 700,000 people were to be dropped from WPA employment.

Anti-Lynch Bill Shelved

As a result of senate refusal to act it had sidetracked the anti-lynching bill, despite continued recurrence of lynchings at the time congress was in session. As for peace legislation, it had adopted a "neutrality" law which directly assisted the fascist countries in their invasion of Spain and which made the solution to the peace question more obviously lacking as a result of the Japanese invasion of China. It had defeated a bill defining the nation's military policy as one of defense of its shores against invasion and another designed to embargo war materials, such as scrap iron, to belligerents. On the other hand it failed to act on the Sheppard-Hill bill which would amount to virtually fascist mobilization in war time.

"It remains for us progressives," declared the statement of the bloc of representatives "and for others in congress sincerely desirous of preserving peace, and for the people generally to shape our legislative policy that arrogant aggressors and peace-breakers shall at least know that American policy is not a standing invitation to them to do elsewhere what they did in Spain, what they are now doing in China."

Signed by Five

The declaration was signed by Representatives Boileau (Prog.-Wis.), Bernard (F-L Minn.), Coffey (D-Wash.), O'Connell (D-Mont.) and Teigan (F-L Minn.). On leaving for home, these representatives said they were "conscious that reaction has struck the people blows it would be foolhardy to minimize. Nevertheless we feel encouraged by the fact that . . . the people are awakening to the danger from repression and thuggery, and that many millions of Americans still are eager to continue the battle for bread, liberty, health and prosperity."

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Scott Makes New Proposal to End McAdoo Influence

WASHINGTON—A house-cleaning in the Democratic Party from such elements as the combination of Senator McAdoo and his law partner Col. William H. Nebbitt was proposed by Representative Byron Scott of Long Beach in a public statement here.

Scott, continuing his criticism which started with the removal of U. S. Attorney Pierson M. Hall at McAdoo's proposal, suggested that ways and means be devised "to give our party in the state leadership and representation interested in the public good rather than the legal practice of a well known firm in Los Angeles."

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Unable to see Kerr at that time, Mrs. McCormick, in a telephone conversation later, demanded to know who made the ruling and further demanded that it be stopped.

"Your Own Protection"

Reluctantly, Kerr admitted that it was his own ruling and feebly attempted to justify it by declaring that "it is only for your own protection as a taxpayer, lady."

Though Mrs. McCormick pointed out that the oath any citizen takes when registering is sufficient to establish his residence, Kerr refused to promise that the ruling would be stopped.

According to Mrs. McCormick, a campaign will be directed against Kerr's ruling to force its withdrawal. Letters and telephone calls, she said, should immediately be sent to Kerr demanding that he cease requiring letters to prove residence of citizens.

Exploded Open-shoppers

John L. Lewis, chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization, is "honorable, cooperative, and reasonable," declared Murphy.

Exploding attempts of reactionary and open-shop forces to discredit labor struggles as "the result of ambitious labor leaders," Murphy said: "I think we must realize that strikes are not the creatures of labor leaders, but the inevitable results of a depression which put one-third of the people through hell."

"It is time we realize you can not crush the aspirations of men to move forward in society."

FASCIST PRIEST LAUDS HITLER

"Franco is a nice, kind, Christian man!!!!"

So Father Silvestre Sanchez told a meeting of San Francisco's 40th at the Veterans' Auditorium last Thursday night. And how the jeweled ladies, and the tailored gentlemen applauded.

There aren't many Moors in Spain. Well at least there are only good Moors in Spain. Besides, the Moors aren't allowed to enter a captured town until after they have been re-educated.

And Franco is a good Trade Union man, had you heard? And so is Hitler!

Besides, the naughty Spanish people rebelled against the nice generals. Poor Franco, without an army, without a navy, without an air force, bare-handed and single-handed, he is saving Spain for the generals, to which it, rightly belongs.

There aren't any Germans in Spain and only several Italians. The only reason that you think there is because of that nasty red Hearst. The Basque people, who are the nicest people, really love Franco. Guernica was an old place, anyway.

And so on and so forth! It was a grand evening—for San Francisco's fascist sympathizers.

Even so, two-thirds of those who asked questions indicated they were hostile to the priest's support of Franco. Originally he had maintained an "impartial" pretense. Before the evening was over the fascists were "our side."

Antagonistic questions flew thick and fast until, still early, the priest declared: "This ends the meetings."

CIO CLERKS UNION

LOS ANGELES—Formerly affiliated to the AFL Retail Clerks Int'l. Protective Assn., the CIO Food Clerks Union is starting an organizing drive here, announced President Milton Altman.

now joining forces openly with the Republicans.

Adjournment, in the midst of invective thrown at President Roosevelt for his challenging Roanoke Island speech, only emphasized the growth in sharpness of the struggle and emphasized the role that will be taken by the voters in deciding it.

ARE YOU GOING TO BE A LIFER?

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KERR STOPPED FROM BARRING L. A. VOTERS

Illegal Ruling Exposed by ILL; Campaign of Protest Urged

LOS ANGELES—But for quick action of the International Labor Defense, Mrs. Anna Ray and Mrs. Sally Mitchell, both long-time residents of Los Angeles, would have been denied the right to register as voters last Tuesday, August 17.

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Rate experts were instructed to study the revenues of the privately operated bridges to serve as a basis for an application to the state railroad commission for lower rates. Despite ferry tolls of 30 cents on most runs and transbay bridge tolls of 50 cents, in each case for auto and five passengers, the Carquinez bridge charges 80 cents for autos and 10 cents additional for each passenger.

Regulation of toll bridge fares will come within the jurisdiction on August 27 under a new state law.

Coast Non-Partisan League to Organize

LOS ANGELES—Labor's Non-Partisan League, which is organizing independent political action by labor in the East and Middle West, will soon be organized on the Pacific Coast, declared Harry Bridges, coast director for 80 cent autos for 10 cents additional for each passenger.

The CIO has 250,000 members on the Pacific Coast, Bridges estimated, and predicted rapid progress by the CIO in the next year. He is here to aid in formulating strategy for the local organizing campaign.

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MALNUTRITION STALKS IN S. F. SCHOOLS

Mother Watches Children Return, Poorly Prepared for Study

THE San Francisco Schools were prepared to open Tuesday with some 100,000 school children flocking back to them, open-armed and glad to get the education offered. But are they prepared with life within to be sated with the studies in school when in their own selves they feel the need for more nourishment and do not know the way to find it?

Yesterday when school opened I as a mother stood within the door of one of the small kindergarten schools in the suburbs of San Francisco and watched the line of faces pass by. My own child was there, and with him went many others. I studied the faces of those children. Some were healthy fat, stubby little

fellows, with jovial eyes and mischievous smiles on their faces.

Fed With Substitutes? But along with them were children of the working class who had a starved look, a tired restlessness stare out of timid, watery eyes. Some of them had red-rimmed eyes that looked as though they had been fed some milk or food substitute that affected their eyes.

One little girl had clean clothes and a neat appearance, but her right foot was badly twisted, not by fall or accident, but because malnutrition lurks in every corner of the workers' home. This girl had a piece of red inner tube fastened at the foot of her shoe, running up the outside of the right leg and fastened at the top to her stocking

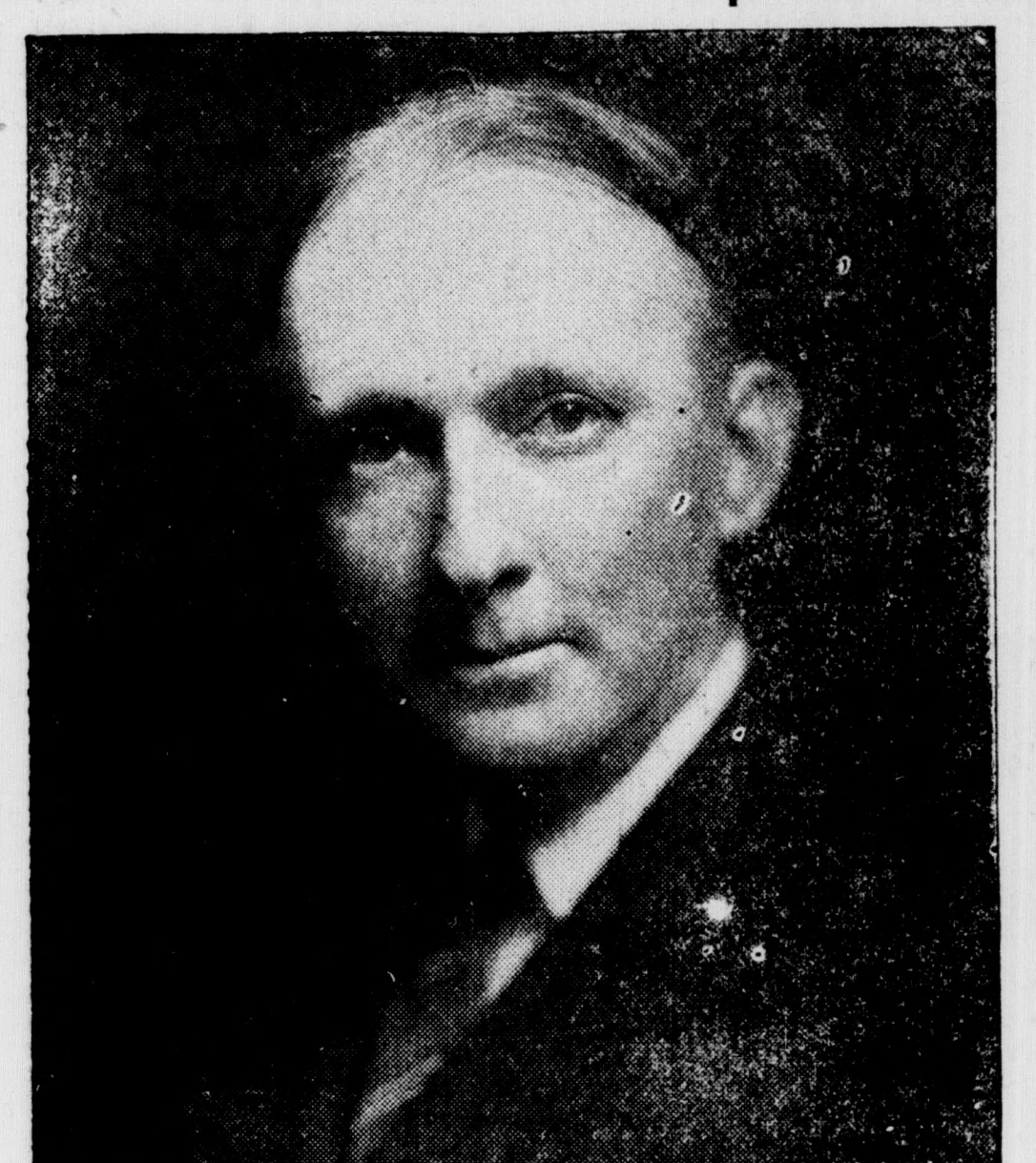
supporter. Each time the little girl would step the inner tube would tend to bring the foot more to its rightful position.

Why Ancient Methods? But why such ancient doctors' remedies? Are we living in the age of the ancients? The mother and father of that little girl certainly want to do better for her. They had tried in their own little way, but the family can not afford the doctors' or hospitals' braces for the little girl—WE KNOW they cannot afford an adequate diet for the proper sustenance of the little girl's life.

We, the women of San Francisco, must protest in mass the inadequate diets we have to offer our children of the public schools today.

A SAN FRANCISCO MOTHER.

Liberal Current Enters the Supreme Court



JUSTICE HUGO L. BLACK

New Justice Aids Labor Legislation

WASHINGTON—Sen. Hugo Lafayette Black (D., Ala.) became an associate justice of the Supreme Court as the Senate, after hearing bitter speeches in opposition, approved his nomination by a vote of 63 to 16.

Nominated by President Roosevelt to replace Justice Willis Van Devanter, who quit under fire, Black goes to the bench with a record generally favorable.

His appointment was opposed by representatives opposed to the advancement of labor and supported by both CIO and AFL.

Copeland Attacks Sen. Copeland (D. N. Y.) in one of the most underhanded speeches ever made on the Senate floor, attempted to boost his political stock in the New York majority campaign by denouncing Black as a Ku Klux Klan member. Copeland said that two men, whom he did not name, were prepared to swear that Black was a Klan member. He also charged that Black was supported by the Klan in his senatorial race in 1926.

Copeland, consistently a supporter of the most reactionary faction in the Senate, used the Black nomination as an opportunity to make a speech to prospective New York voters professing friendship for Catholics, Jews and Negroes. "Personally, I feel so outraged by this proposal to put a Klan sympathizer on the bench that it is difficult to discuss the matter in temperate language," the Hearst stooge said.

Reason for Silence Republicans, for the most part, were silent on the Klan issue. Some of them recalled, or were sure that supporters of Black would recall for them, the 1926 campaign during which the Republicans actively supported the Ku Klux Klan fight in the south against Al Smith.

The truth of the Klan story according to Black's supporters, is that he accepted their support in 1926. That he did not accept the Klan ideology, they say, is proved by his record in the Senate which is consistently liberal and contains numerous instances of his support of civil

rights and minority rights.

Opposition to Black on the grounds of connection with the Ku Klux Klan might have carried more weight, it is felt, had it come from known supporters of liberal measures. To have such opposition come from the most consistent opponents of labor and civil rights revealed them as fighting a sham battle with the real target liberalism and friendship for labor.

Voting against the confirmation of Black were, Democrats, Burke (Neb.), Byrd (Va.), Glass (Va.), Copeland (N. Y.), Gerry (R. I.) and King (Utah). Republicans voting against Black were Austin (Vt.), Borah (Idaho), Bridges (N. B.), Davis (Pa.), Hale (Maine), Johnson (Calif.), Lodge (Mass.), Steiwer (Ore.), Townsend (Del.) and White (Maine).

Following the confirmation of Black a suit was filed asking Black to "show cause" why he is not ineligible under the constitution which prohibits a senator to increase his emoluments while in office. Little importance was attached to the suit. It was filed with the Supreme Court by former assistant Attorney General Albert Levitt.

CLEVELAND MAYOR AIDS CAMPAIGN TO STOP VIGILANTISM

CLEVELAND, O.—The City Council of Cleveland has on its calendar a recommendation from Mayor Harold H. Burton to investigate the Association of Leagues, vigilante coalition which includes officials of Republic Steel Corporation, Nazi agents and American Fascist groups like the Silver Legion and the Student Americaners.

The American League Against War and Fascism, together with the Cleveland Industrial Council, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and other civic and trade union groups, has been applying pressure on the city government to investigate the Association since The Cleveland Press exposed it in a series of articles. The Press broke the story with the cooperation of the American League Against War and Fascism, which had conducted a private investigation of the organization.

Issuing the call to a mass meeting against local vigilantism the Cleveland Committee of the League cited the need for united action by all trade union groups against vigilantism as the great need of the present time to defend the National Labor Relations Act and civil rights in general.

D. A.'s Hands Tied, Quits HARLAN, Ky. — Intimating that his hands were tied in his attempts to prosecute the "big fellows," the district attorney here resigned. Gov. Chandler sent William C. Burrows state commissioner of industrial relations, to bring about industrial peace in Harlan County, stronghold of anti-union coal barons.

RUSH MOSCOW SUBWAY JOB MOSCOW—Construction of the third sector of the world-famous Moscow Subway has been started with plans to be completed during 1939.

JUSTICE DEPT. WILL INSPECT NAZIS' CAMPS

Cummings Responds to Flood of Letters Demanding Probe

WASHINGTON—"Cursory investigation" of Nazi camps in the United States was ordered here by Attorney General Homer S. Cummings. The investigation will be conducted by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and will be for the purpose of determining whether grounds exist for a formal probe by the Justice department.

Cummings' action was in response to a letter from Rep. William Citron (D., Conn.) to the State department alleging that Nazis here are using camps as drill grounds for their adherents with a view to armed action in the United States. State department officials turned the letter over to the Justice department. Both departments admitted receiving thousands of letters demanding action against Nazi activities.

Only the military features of the camps will be subject to scrutiny, it was understood. Rep. Samuel Dickstein (D. N. Y.) has been urging an investigation of "ascist propaganda in the United States and recently made a speech in the House charging that the Nazi consul in San Francisco, Von Killinger, is "an expert in murder, arson and sadism." Killinger, lately, has been active in Detroit.

REPUBLICANS OIL MACHINERY FOR CAMPAIGN IN 1938

OAKLAND—Organized reaction in California began to oil up its political machine in preparation for the 1938 local, state, and national elections with the opening here of permanent Republican headquarters.

Exceptional importance which Republicans attach to next year's political campaign was indicated by the unusually early opening of the headquarters, the first time in history they have been set up in the year preceding elections.

The Republican Co-ordinating Council of Alameda County laid plans for the immediate commencement of enlarged political activities at its Tuesday meeting. Regular monthly meetings were decided upon in order to secure unified action among the various Republican groups in the county in the forthcoming campaign.

Earl Warren, Republican National Committeeman from California, addressed the Council on the national political situation. State Senator William F. Knowland, "power behind the throne" in Alameda County politics, outlined Republican strategy in the state.

L. A. Jail Gives 2 8-Cent Meals Daily

LOS ANGELES—Prisoners in the L. A. County Jail dine at the munificent level of two meals a day costing approximately 8 cents each. The announcement of this cost was made by Ralph R. Walters, jail steward, based on the fiscal year ending June 30th.

Cost per meal, with prisoners and officers averaged together, is .0888 cents each. But officers dine much better than prisoners. For instance, there is an item in the yearly balance sheet of \$1,970.94 for butter, which prisoners can have only if they buy for themselves.

Kern County Labor to See Steel Massacre Newsreel

BAKERSFIELD—The Kern County Central Labor Council is urging every citizen in the county to see the newsreel showing the murder of 10 steel strikers in Chicago last Memorial Day, which will be screened at the Romy Theater in Ford City on August 25-26. Pressure of the labor movement here has secured the film's local release.

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Campaign on To Elect Labor Men In Pennsylvania

PHILADELPHIA—In a drive to elect labor-minded county officials in the fall elections, Labor's Non-Partisan League of Pennsylvania is flooding the state with thousands of circulars and posters urging registration of workers.

P. T. Fagan, chief of the Pennsylvania League, announcing the drive to elect only men upon whom labor can depend, stated: "Too often judges, district attorneys and sheriffs have violated their oaths of office and trampled on the constitutional rights of labor to smash strikes and wreck unions."

SEA DISASTER WHITEWASHED

Copeland Slips Through Morro Castle Report

WASHINGTON—Slipping the final report of the Senate commerce committee on the Morro Castle disaster in the record of the Senate, Sen. Royal D. Copeland (D. N. Y.) wrote the final chapter of the investigation which whitewashed the company.

Copeland laid the final report on the clerk's desk in the Senate a few minutes after the announcement of Black's nomination to the Supreme Court was made. In the excitement of the report lay buried and little attention was paid it. In it blame for the disaster was laid to lax regulations and recommendations are made for legislation.

Minority Report Also included in the report is a minority opinion from Howard C. Cullman, vice chairman of the Port Authority of New York. Cullman's remarks indicate the reason Copeland, who usually is very anxious for press attention, attempted to submit this report without notice.

After reciting the charges of seamen that American ships are unsafe, Cullman declares, "A thorough and impartial investigation was clearly needed and in response to this need, the Senate advisory committee on Personnel was appointed. The impression was general that this committee would proceed with an investigation, hold hearings, and assemble facts."

The committee has never exceeded any of these powers. With respect to the affidavits in question (submitted by seamen) no investigation was made, no testimony taken, and no comment on them appears in the final report."

Company Accused Cullman pointed out that seamen on the Morro Castle and other ships of the same line, presented affidavits relating the condition of the lifeboats, the capability of the crew and other pertinent factors. These affidavits were ignored because of the dispute then taking place within the International Seamen's Union and because the affidavits were presented by persons now allied with the National Maritime Union, a Committee for Industrial Organization affiliate.

Declaring that the Copeland report avoids all first hand testimony and views the maritime situation from "the ivory tower of the committee room," Cullman concludes that "the committee's minutes are a record of academic discussions, mainly devoted to trivia of procedure or regulations."

"As a result," the Cullman report said, "the committee's final report is remote from reality. Nowhere is it adequately documented with such factual data as would lend weight to the recommendations made."

Anti-Vigilante Conference FLINT, Mich.—Representative John T. Bernard was the main speaker at a state-wide anti-vigilante conference held here under the auspices of the Detroit Conference for the Protection of Civil Rights and the Flint local of the United Auto Workers of America.

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Guild Picket Line in Seattle

Deputies and Highway Patrol Plot Terror in Banning

MOTHER WANTS COLUMN ON
CHILD HEALTH PROBLEMS IN
THE DAILY WESTERN WORKER

Los Angeles Woman Declares Advice On
Training of Children Would Aid
Working Class Women

By a Worker Correspondent
WHITTIER, Los Angeles County—I am very glad to hear about plans for a Daily Western Worker, since I do not take any daily at present. You certainly can count on my subscription regularly, even though it is only a drop in the bucket.

FLAG SHOULD
MEAN: "FREE
DOUGLAS 21"

Worker Exposes Hypocrisy
Of "Flag-Waving" by
Company Union

By a Worker Correspondent
OCEAN PARK, Los Angeles County—In the "Union News," the paper put out weekly by the Douglas Aircraft Corp. company union, the "Aircraft Workers' Union," appeared an editorial "What Our Flag Means"—a digest of a speech given in June by Dr. John Lechner over KFRG. Dr. Lechner is former state chairman of the American Legion.

Like Hearst
The editorial is a swell piece of flag waving very similar to what Willie Hearst has been blinding us with for years. It proclaims the Red in the flag stands for courage which inspires people to face danger and do what is right. It does not dare define what is right or describe the courage of the citizens in facing dangers of arrest, discrimination, unemployment, etc., by attempting to organize.

The Blue stands for loyalty—the "loyalty," may I add, which was used to get us to protect the holdings of the capitalist exploiters in 1917.

Liberty and Freedom
The White stands for that greatest of all American privileges, liberty and individual freedom. That stops me—when we get the Daily Western Worker I believe I can fill a column a day for five years elaborating on the greatest of all American privileges.

In our flag we find the American Bill of Rights, guaranteeing no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. And so the steel barons shot the steel pickets in the back and shot them in the back.

Free the Douglas "21"
Under the American flag we are accorded freedom of speech, freedom of press and the right to assemble peacefully. We are protected against wrongful imprisonment. Race, color and previous condition of servitude in no way affect these basic rights.

Twenty-one labor leaders face their second trial on conspiracy charges in Los Angeles courts. The only proof obtained in the first trial was that the men were in the Douglas plant, that they had a kangaroo court to maintain order in the plant during the strike, and they had a strategy board.

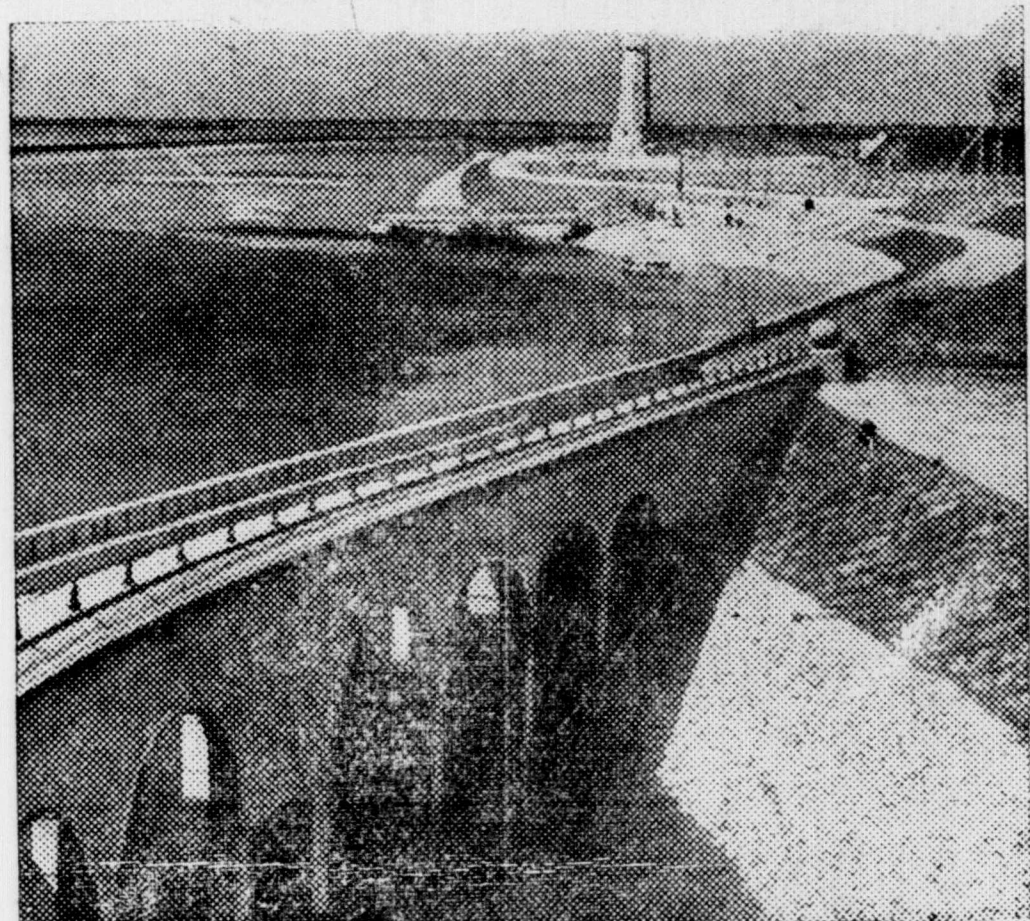
All three points were well known by the general public at all times. Is that rightful imprisonment to hold these men under Federal indictment because they had the courage to strike for their rights guaranteed them under Old Glory?

Use Mass Pressure
You will remember that it was only through the power of mass pressure brought to bear on the Supreme Court that Angelo Herndon, the courageous Negro boy, was finally freed after being sentenced to the chain gang for trying to organize and better the living conditions of the unemployed.

Yes, we are courageous, loyal, and free according to the law and constitution, but unless the great majority of the people of this great nation are willing to open their eyes and militantly take steps to protect these rights, they will find the united front of reaction and capitalism throwing off its cloak of democracy and stepping forward to crush the people under the iron heel of fascism.

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Going to Be
A LIFER?

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HOW "DUST BOWL" REFUGEES
ARE FARING IN SANTA MARIA

Miserable Housing Conditions for All
Workers; Union Is the Answer

By a Worker Correspondent
SANTA BARBARA—Midway between Frisco and Los Angeles lies a town of 7000 people. Also, it is a town of auto cabins.

One per cent of the tourists have trailers, the other 99 per cent have five to seven children, running from the Dust Bowl of the Middle West.

Visit these cabins—one or two rooms—three, four, five, six or seven children. One contracts a disease—all have it. The record in this town of Santa Maria is that the schools close because of a certain disease, then open too soon. It's a disgrace to keep them closed too long for the same reason.

"Homes" for Workers
Some white laborers, mostly Portuguese, rave and rant about Filipinos getting their jobs. Some of the store keepers say that "alien Mexicans" get all the jobs. The famous Rep. Stubb, now deceased, proposed the deportation of Filipinos.

NOTE: It is reported that the workers in Santa Maria area are quickly moving toward union organization under the CIO Cannery & Agriculture Organizing Committee, including Filipino, Mexican and American workers, uniting to win decent wages, working conditions and living conditions. (Workers' Correspondence Editor.)

Law Doesn't Touch
Company Stooze
By a Worker Correspondent
CROCKETT, Contra Costa County—I would like to inform you about a little accident that occurred here recently. Mr. Earl D. Byrd, our union secretary of AFL Sugar Workers Local 20037, as usual got drunk but this time he tried something new, one Monday afternoon between 1 and 5 p.m.

During his office duty, he drove down by Dow-Relio's fishing club, which is next to the railroad, and proceeded onward and got as far as the old Vallejo Junction, which is about a quarter of a mile away, and stalled.

"Short Cut"
People coming from Selby to Crockett, and others from Crockett, saw the car, ran over and dragged Byrd out of the car and asked him why he was driving down the railway.

He answered by saying that he was going to Pinole and used the railroad as a short cut. At this time the train got there and wrecked the car badly.

The next day at noon, I and many others went down to the union office, thinking of finding someone else in his place, but he was there.

Co-Supported Rat
We asked who kept him out of jail. He said that somebody else drove his car without his permission. And up until now pledge taken by new members not to give aid or support to the CIO "or to any revolutionary organization," rammed down the throats of new members by the reactionary leadership.

Send in news of your union.

ALL SALINAS
LETTUCE IS
'HOT CARGO'

Agricultural Union, Now
CIO, Continues U.S.-
Wide Boycott

By a Worker Correspondent
SALINAS, Monterey County—MARKET DEMORALIZED is the term given to the present lettuce situation at Salinas by the U. S. Department of Agriculture through its "Market News Service" of July 23.

The nation-wide boycott of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Local 18211 (now CIO) last spring, has undoubtedly played a considerable part in cutting down by 314 carloads of lettuce.

Union Campaign
Since the big Salinas lettuce strike, with its infamous terrorism by the Associated Farmers, the union has spent approximately 200 dollars on the boycott campaign. Included in this campaign was the sending of "unfair" posters to more than 1000 central labor councils, state federations of labor and big unions throughout the entire country.

The CIO successor to the Fruit and Vegetable Workers will carry on the boycott until the end of the season. Funds to carry on the ban may be sent now to Mrs. Clara Rice of Salinas, acting financial secretary of the union.

Small Return For
SONOMA FARMERS ON
APPLES THIS YEAR

Small Farmers Get Low Prices
On Their Produce
By a Worker Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO—The following quotations are from a letter from a young farmer friend near Sebastopol, Sonoma County, which I send to you because they reflect the growing sentiments of the younger generation of California's small farmers.

"The Gravenstein apple harvest is just about in its heaviest week now. Prices are very low. Dry-canning apples, which are generally the culls, are bringing \$3 a ton and we got \$11 a ton last year. Some of the apples sent back east brought red ink."

"The federal government is buying some apples for relief purposes and it is paying 60 cents a box. It costs 32½ cents to wash, sort and pack a box of apples, and leaves the farmer 27½ cents a box."

"The farmer prunes, fertilizes, plows and sprays his orchard and then picks the fruit and hauls it to a packing house. So you can see there isn't any profit in raising Gravenstein apples this year. I am sure glad our biggest percentage of apples are not Gravenstein."

Hails Soviet Flyers
"The Soviet flyers made quite a flight all right. I can't hardly see that it was much commercial value though. It did show that it would be possible to move an army a long distance though."

I am sending my young friend a subscription to the Western Worker, to give him a real "education."

N. Y. Taxis Now All CIO
NEW YORK—3000 employees of the Parmelee system voted to affiliate with the CIO Transport Workers Union. This system was the last major taxi company outside of the CIO in New York.

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5-10 CHAIN STORE STRIKE
San Francisco

By a Worker Correspondent
These girls once stood eight hours a day
And bent their back a thousand times,
To earn their two-three dollars pay
For harvesting the Woolworth dimes.

But then they marched the picket line,
Striking to earn a living wage,
We saw their picket banners shine,
We saw the chain-gang magnates rage.

United they marched along the curb,
Proudly they wore their Union button.
They hope their strike did not "disturb"
The Princess-Countess Barbara Hutton.

They won their strike,
Shout it throughout the length
Of chain-store land . . .
IN UNION THERE IS STRENGTH.

—D. W.

Yakima Workers
Eager for Union

By an Agricultural Worker
YAKIMA, Wash.—Are there any Western Worker readers at this place? I would like to get with some comrades here if I can. My main purpose is to find out what can be done toward organizing the fruit workers here, as sentiment seems to be strong for a union here, especially a CIO union.

I and another comrade are here from Santa Cruz, Calif. I was a delegate to the Los Angeles Press Builders' Congress for the "Western."

LOS ANGELES
13-YEAR-OLD
WANTS TO DIE

Tragic Story of Poverty
And Children in a
Neighborhood

By a Playground Teacher
LOS ANGELES—His name is Manuel. Pronounced in Spanish, it sounds soft and musical: Manuel. He has 13 years stored in his small-boned, undernourished body. And he has only one great wish: to reach 13; that his thirteenth birthday should come swiftly, as swiftly as possible. That is all he desires and hopes for. He has a twin brother, George. A tiny scar directly above Manuel's right eyebrow is the only way by which you can tell them apart.

11 in Small Shack
It is summer time. The twins go to the school playground across the street from the shack they live in to play—a shack in which live nine children and their parents.

When the director of the playground first noticed these two boys, they struck her as dull-witted children who had a difficult time learning. They were shy and submissive and played apart from the others—when they played at all.

Although they are Mexican, they do not have the typical soft, rounded features and the large, dark brown eyes. Their pale olive colored skin is smooth and fine. And both have the same sad hurt look in their small, brown, sensitive eyes. Sad, quiet and stoical. The naive stoicalness of a child.

Odd For Years
It is when they speak that you realize their thoughts are far advanced in years and experience. But it was Manuel who finally disclosed the cause for their sorrow to the willing ear of the director; that sorrow that weighed down so heavily upon his tiny shoulders, and made his bodily movements slow, awkward and dull.

"I wish I had my kimonon," he said as if the words would burn his insides if he didn't let them out.

"Kimonon?"
"I wish I had my kimonon all ready," he repeated sorrowfully. "Do you mean a communion?"
"Yes."

"Why?"
"Then I will be able to die." The director was taken aback at such a confession from a mere child. She looked at him wondering whether she had heard aright.

"Why do you talk about dying when everyone is fighting hard to live?"
"I want to die. My father drinks all the time. He beats us. A lot of times we don't have nothing to eat. I want to die."

Manuel goes to the Catholic Church. His father and mother are devout Catholics. The church attend is a little way down the street. Because of its size and height, it casts long shadows in the burning, unfriendly sun. It is surrounded by streets of shacks, dirty unpainted sprawling shacks. Warp-walled, paint-peeling houses with sidewalks of dirty, dusty, doxy, glue-sticky in the rainy season. Only the church has concrete sidewalks.

Drinks To Forget
Manuel's father has gone to mass ever since he was a child. But one thing the church has not been able to stop him from doing to forget his lot: drinking. And day in and day out, he drinks to forget his miserable existence, his nine sad-faced children, the plight of the suffering, unemployed Mexican people in the neighborhood.

Manuel does not go to the public school. He is educated by the church fathers who told him that you cannot go to heaven if you die until you have been confirmed.

Manuel spoke again.
"I wish I was 13 already. Then I will have my communion."

Plans Suicide
"What will you do then?"
"I will go swimming."

"Why will you go swimming?" asked the director unable to do anything but to drift with the

TUNNEL STRIKERS MAINTAIN
PEACEFUL PICKETS DESPITE
ATTEMPTS AT PROVOCATION

Welder Accuses Water District Foremen
Of Keeping Men in the Tunnels By
Terrorizing Them With Threats

By a Tunnel Striker
BANNING, Riverside County—Threatening to disperse picket lines with tear gas guns unless the lines were immediately withdrawn, 50 sheriff's office police attempted to clear the Potrero camp of pickets.

Pickets were scattered by the police but quickly reassembled with re-enforcements from other camps. Police withdrew and peaceful picketing is continuing.

Peaceful Picketing
Interviewed by this reporter, Chairman of the Union Picket Committee Bill Gruber stated:
"Our men are picketing at Potrero on private property to which we hold the lease, and there isn't a reason in the world why these peaceful picket lines would be interfered with by the police unless they want to stir up trouble."

The Metropolitan Water District has refused to meet union demands.

Tension increased in Banning where the 1300 Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers on strike for job security, held solid peaceful picket lines along a 35-mile front, while truck loads of armed thugs entered the aqueduct camps. The streets of Banning were rapidly filled with state highway patrolmen and police from as far away as Glendale.

No Work Going On
According to information of Henry Bears, welder who pulled out of the job tonight, no work is going on at the head-end and nothing is being attempted except to man the pumps.

Bears accused superintendent foremen in the tunnels of keeping men in the tunnels by terrorizing them with the misrepresentation that they are liable to a penitentiary sentence if they desert the pumps.

Scabs are housed, he said, in a storm drain in the ravine. He had the greatest difficulty getting out of the camp and was only allowed to leave under police escort when he insisted on going home to see his wife.

You go Nuts Up There
"I tell you you go nuts up there," he stated to a group of union men. "You got your family down here, you been working with the boys so long. I couldn't stand it no longer."

Seven more men are reported to have walked out of the tunnel yesterday during swing-shift to join the strikers.

Six strikers were arraigned before Justice of the Peace J. J. Fredericks last week. Bail was set at \$500 apiece. Bail was immediately posted and the men were released.

ILD Retained
Strike committee voted to retain the International Labor Defense on a permanent basis. The ILD was immediately notified. Attorney Astle and Mrs. Larue McCormick, secretary of the Los Angeles ILD, immediately drove down to Banning.

Ray Livingstone, chairman of the strike committee, stated:
"Picket lines will continue peaceful as heretofore. Introducing armed thugs can't drill that aqueduct. That takes skilled men, and anybody that takes a look at our picket lines can see that our men are out solid."

M. & M's Strikebreaking
"If the taxpayer ever finds out what it is costing him for the Merchants & Manufacturers Association to try to break this union, this strike will be settled in a hurry," stated C. J. Powers, international representative of the Mine, Mill & Smelter Union.

"Why, the interest on the RFC loan is \$40,000 a day and that all comes out of Mr. Taxpayer's pocket. This is an awful price to pay to settle the moral issue of job security. After all, these 1300 strikers are residents and taxpayers."

Why, Powers continued, "should not public officials feel themselves morally bound to the provisions of the Wagner Act, which is federal law, even though it may not technically cover them?"

ARTISTS UNION WIN ACTION
CHICAGO—The Artists Union of Chicago after a bitter fight has succeeded in forcing the Federal Art Project to reinstate Peter Paul Ott, to his former job as supervisor of creative sculpture.

boy's thoughts.

"I will go to the lake and go far out. Only I won't swim."

The director looked at him unable to think of anything to say. Her gaze wandered to the dominating steeple of the church.

COUNCILMAN
HELPS PICKET
SEATTLE STAR

University Students Also
Assist Guildsmen on
Picket Lines

By a Worker Correspondent
SEATTLE, Wash.—The "Star" is still picketed. The other morning some 200 police guarded the street at the four corners. Young pickets had a great time at going-to-work hours 7-10 a.m., hurling jibes and singing songs.

The Teamster officials' goon squads came up to start something, but the husky kids (student sympathizers from the University of Washington) wouldn't back down and the goons had to back down.

Hugh DeLacy, Washington Commonwealth Federation city councilman, came onto the scene of action.

The pickets increased their razzing of the cops. "Yeah, why don't you arrest the city councilman? Hev, you cops, where's your teamsters' buttons?" etc.

The cops: "For gosh sakes, Hugh, don't make it tough for us."

DeLacy broke through and walked in front of the Star building.

At this point one girl quickly darted through the cordon of police. Two flat-foots tried to lunge after her. They looked plenty silly trying to chase a girl a whole block. She then broke into the open through the second line of police.

Suddenly the police were left alone. They didn't catch on for about 20 minutes. Then prowlers spotted the unionists in front of where the furriers were being picketed. Hugh DeLacy put on a Furriers' picket sign but was not arrested. However, he did get a good picture on the front pages of the papers.

Crisis in WPA at
Grays Harbor

GRAY'S HARBOR, Wash. Workers' Alliance, Local 42, has issued a leaflet on the WPA situation here, which has been endorsed in its entirety by the leading industrial unions of Grays Harbor. It states, in part:

"In the case of the Hoquiam street projects, it appears an effort will be made to transfer to the small property owner the unjust burden of completing these WPA projects. Thus our country faces the double burden of increased taxation plus intensification of the unemployment problem. This controversy is but another episode in the stubborn ruthless drive of reactionaries and big industrialists to shift to the small taxpayer all of the burdens of a decaying industrial system."

"SO THE PEOPLE MAY KNOW:
"Here are the basic demands of the Workers' Alliance:
"1. Get jobs for all who want and need work.
"2. Stop WPA lay-offs—reinstate those laid off.
"3. Restore federal contribution to direct relief.
"4. Secure a 30 per cent increase in monthly wages.
"We are willing and anxious to negotiate with proviso that all workers be kept on the payroll until all funds are depleted."
"S. O. S.—We appeal to all who believe our cause is just: Please write or phone Governor Clarence D. Martin, Charles F. Ernst, and our county commissioners, demanding they discontinue use of the welfare department as a strikebreaking agency. As you read this, hungry fathers of hungry children are lined up outside of the welfare department."

A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Features

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Northwest Mill Workers, Lumberjacks Move in CIO

SEATTLE GETS LUMBER UNION HEADQUARTERS

Rush for CIO Charters by Locals Far in Excess Of Supply

SEATTLE, Wash.—Headquarters for the International Woodworkers of America, newly affiliated CIO union, have been set up in Suite 3136 at the Arcade Building, Seattle, Wash., E. B. Weber, international secretary has announced.

Applications for charters continue to pour in Weber says, working the office force overtime. The charters are being printed and will be mailed out to the local unions as quickly as they can be filled out.

60,000 Seek Charters
Locals with combined membership of 60,000 have already filed applications for the CIO union charters, and reports indicate that those which did not vote when the referendum was taken, principally in the Puget Sound area, have since been conducting their own official ballot on affiliation with the CIO.

The affiliates of the Federation of Woodworkers have been showing the high officials of the CIO, that they "really meant it" when they voted five to one to go CIO," Weber declared.

Vote of Canadian Locals
The CIO referendum of the Canadian locals went even more strongly for affiliation than the most optimistic had expected. In spite of the prediction of officials of the Carpenters Union, that the British Columbia Council would stay with the AFL, it cast the strongest vote of all in favor of the CIO.

An official announcement of the executive council gave the vote as 1,220 for the CIO and 46 against.

A straw vote taken among a group of unorganized British Columbia timber workers came out 436 in favor of the CIO and 23 against.

Publish Paper at Seattle
Plans for making the Timber Worker, now printed in Aberdeen, Wash., the official organ of the new Woodworkers International were discussed by the executive committee. It is proposed to have the official newspaper published in Seattle at International headquarters.

The Timber Worker was the official organ of the Federation of Woodworkers before the affiliation with the CIO as an international union. The Federation which belonged to the AFL through the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, had a total membership of 100,000.

International officials elected at the Tacoma convention held in July, include, besides Secretary Weber, Harold Pittchett, president; O. M. Green, first vice-president in charge of organization; and Fred Lequier, second vice president in charge of the Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin area.

L. A. Young Signs With United Auto Workers, Oakland

OAKLAND — Substantial concessions were won by L. A. Young Wire Corporation's 260 employees here when the company signed an agreement with the CIO United Automobile Workers last week.

A five-day 40-hour week, 70 cents an hour minimum pay, readjustment of piece work rates, pay increases from eight to 15 per cent and 10-minute rest periods in the morning and afternoon were won by the workers.

Frank Slaby, UAW president, stated the plant is 98 per cent organized, with 100 per cent unionization expected in the near future.

Teamos Organize Lumber Trucks In L. A. Harbor Area

SAN PEDRO—More than 20 lumber trucks were kept from Los Angeles Harbor district lumber yards here last week when teamsters began an organizational drive.

Teamster officials declared the "rks involved have been operating between the port and Inland Valley at rates below those by the State Railroad Com-

'Focsle and Dock'

By DON RUSSELL

Three members of the Fish Reduction Workers' Union—two from San Francisco, one from the Pacific Northwest—have been killed fighting Franco, Mussolini and Hitler in Spain.

It's a strange set-up—and it could only happen under a system as insanely illogical as Capitalism. Americans, fighting in Spain against Moors, Germans and Italians.

Capitalism on the Rampage
Capitalism is on the rampage in Spain—and that means fascism. Only under Capitalism could a few power-mad, lustful army officers import guns and ammunition and planes and bombs and soldiers in a brazen attempt to smash a government elected by an overwhelming majority of the people.

Under such circumstances no group of army officers could get to first base without the backing that plenty of money brings. And under Capitalism the only ones who have plenty of money are the employers and the bankers. The workers have only their hands and their muscles—and courage and spirit. And solidarity born of close association on the job.

It Can Happen Here
If Franco should win in Spain it would be only a matter of time until our own precious Wall Street would call in its army generals and attempt to wipe out Democracy in America. And then our children and wives and mothers and girlfriends would lie in the streets, their faces blacked by powder smoke, their heads bashed in, arms torn off.

The bombs that dropped on DORE THREATENS SEATTLE PICKETS WITH MORGUE TRIP

Mayor Wants Violence Against Seattle Star Pickets

SEATTLE—"If you want to stay well and healthy, you better stay away from the Star," Mayor Dore told striking American Newspaper Guild members, a committee which visited the mayor reported to a group of 300 Seattle citizens on the County-City Bldg. lawn after the interview, recently.

The mayor further threatened: "As long as AFL people are working in a place business, a CIO picket line will not be tolerated. We will clear the block around the Star, and anyone resisting will be arrested."

"If he offers her resistance, he will wind up either in the morgue or the hospital, and I don't much care which. If you want to stay well and healthy, you better stay away."

CIO Cleaners Ask Citation Against "Business Agent"

SAN FRANCISCO — United Cleaners & Dyers Local Industrial Union 447, CIO formerly Local 7 of the AFL Cleaners & Dyers International Union, is presenting evidence to Superior Judge Robinson to ask for a citation against Chester Vionot for violating an injunction issued by the judge.

Although the injunction ordered that no dual union to Local 447 be set up, Vionot is representing himself as business agent of "Local 7" and is collecting dues and has called a "union" meeting. Vionot is representing AFL international officials.

Local 447 signed up another plant, West Coast Cleaners, last Thursday, winning 15-25 per cent wage increases for 30 workers, closed shop, and other demands.

Huge Peace Parade

NEW YORK—Twenty thousand men, women and children marched from Yorkville to Harlem in the annual peace parade sponsored by the American League Against War and Fascism.

ARE YOU Going to Be A LIFER?

CONTRA COSTA LABOR COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE

RICHMOND—Despite attempts by American Federation of Labor President Wm. Green and his underlings in California to split the labor movement in this county, the Contra Costa County Central Trades and Labor Council will continue to function with virtually its entire present membership, even though its charter was jerked last week, announced President Walter Valdi.

The council officers issued a statement on the charter-lifting as follows:

Council Statement
"A letter was received from William Green of the AFL asking that CIO union delegates be unseated as delegates to the Contra Costa Central Trades and Labor Council. A motion was made and passed unanimously, that this action be deferred for a period of 30 days, and that all unions they might instruct their delegates to act according to the wishes of the affiliated unions. The members of the council went on record as being in favor of a democratic vote on the question. Rowland Watson, AFL organizer who was present, refused to allow this democratic procedure to take place. Delegates openly resented and condemned Watson's refusal to allow democratic procedure."

"The council was unanimous in its denunciation of the undemocratic action of Rowland Watson. Not one word of support was given to his action in refusing to extend the time limit. He was insistent on the point that the decision must be made at once, to which the delegates would not agree. On the grounds that more time was needed in order that all unions affiliated would have the right to a vote on the question."

"It was charged by delegates that certain self-styled county labor leaders, who are alleged to have instigated the move toward revocation of the charter, have had long and varied criminal careers."

"The council has long been known for its vigilance in keeping corrupt and selfish elements out of its ranks in this county. The council took the attitude that the entire affair was premeditated action on the part of the AFL officials who have selected a strategic time for their work, knowing the intent of the council to hold a joint Labor Day parade with all workers participating regardless of affiliation."

"A resolution was introduced at the beginning of the meeting and adopted unanimously which reaffirmed the stand taken by the council at a meeting held in May, that in the event the charter ever be revoked, the council would continue to function as an independent organization under the name of Contra Costa County Central Trades and Labor Council, as that name is not copyrighted by the AFL."

The statement was signed by Valdi and Viola Cox, council secretary.

Local unionists laughed at claims of Edward Vandeleur, secretary of the AFL State Federation, that 80 per cent of the union members in Contra Costa County would affiliate with the "reorganized" labor council Vandeleur said he would set up.

The council adopted a letter to be sent to J. L. Von Tellrop, vice-president of the Teamsters Union, discredited in the labor movement; Russ Roberts, business agent of the Building Trades Council, and George Weise, business agent of the Carpenters Union, condemning them for anti-labor activities and pointing out their unsavory past records in and out of the labor movement.

The council donated \$5 and elected three delegates to a conference to aid Spain, held last Sunday.

Chicago Steel Massacre Film Bought for S. F. And Oakland Showings
SAN FRANCISCO—As a result of refusal of theaters in both Oakland and San Francisco to show the newsreel film of the Chicago massacre of steel pickets, the American League Against War and Fascism has bought a copy of the film.

The Alameda County Industrial Union Council has instructed its newsreel committee to make arrangements to show the picture in Oakland as soon as possible. CIO unions on both sides of the Bay have campaigned to force theaters to screen the film.

Patronize our advertisers—Mention WESTERN WORKER.

Business Agent Bob Says

PASS THIS one on to your union brothers:
A Ford worker was having a nightmare. He dreamed that Henry Ford had died and was being buried. As the eight pallbearers were carrying the coffin down the aisle, Ford sat up, saw the inefficiency and lack of mechanism, and yelled:
"Hey, put this thing on wheels and fire seven of the men!"

Labor Leader on Communist Ticket



SAM JAYE, secretary of Miscellaneous Employees Union Local 110 of the Culinary Alliance, is one of three candidates for San Francisco Supervisor on the Communist Party ticket for the fall elections. Last year, while a Communist candidate in the 20th Assembly District, Jaye was elected president of his union by a big majority.

Represents Union Vs. Former Boss

NEW YORK—Six years ago Lewis Merrill, president of the CIO United Office and Professional Workers, was fired from his job at the New York clearing house for union activity.

Last week he received a letter from his former employer, Joseph Cavanaugh, clearing house president, agreeing to recognize the union he now heads.

Negotiations will be held with Merrill representing the union. The man who fired him will represent the company.

FAKE PICKETS IN NORTHWEST

AFL Heads 'Picket' CIO-Organized Lumber Mills

PORTLAND, Ore.—In the AFL reactionaries' fight to block progress of the Committee for Industrial Organization in the lumber industry, the Building Trades Council sent two "pickets" to each of 10 lumber mills last Tuesday, and two mills, apparently cooperating with the AFL leaders against the CIO Woodworkers Federation, immediately closed down. Workers in the 10 mills are CIO members.

Fake Pickets Routed
TACOMA, Wash.—AFL "pickets," sponsored by the handful of AFL reactionaries trying to block affiliation of lumber workers with the CIO, were driven away from the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Co. mill here last Wednesday, and their "unfair" banners confiscated.

Workers declared the "unfair" banners meant "unfair" to Abe Muir and Wm. Hutcheson, the high moguls of the Carpenters Union.

The Woodworkers Federation, CIO, charged the St. Paul management is in collusion with AFL officials in an attempt to smash the Federation, which has over 100,000 members in the Northwest.

RIVAL TO GUILD A FLOP
CHICAGO—Nothing but empty benches greeted Pres. Fitzpatrick of the Chicago Federation of Labor when he walked into a meeting hall in Chicago to organize an AFL rival to the American Newspaper Guild. The six newspapermen there had all been sent by their editors to report on what happened, not to enroll in the dual union.

JUST TAKE A LOOK WHO'S ON "S. F. COMMITTEE TO PREVENT ALL STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS"

1937 Edition, "Law and Order" Group. Reads Like Roster of Who's Who In S. F. Banking World

SAN FRANCISCO—Well, well—and well... For good ness sake, look who's here!

Look who's going to save San Francisco from those naughty, vile, unspeakable trade unions, in the name of a "committee to prevent strikes and lockouts."

Gentlemen—meet the "Peace-at-any-price" committee, San Francisco's 1937 edition of the famous 1916 Law and Order Committee that put guns in the hands of the law, ordered strikers to quit asking for a living wage and passed the infamous anti-picketing ordinance that was repealed last March.

"Prize Exhibits"
Here is an unabridged list of the gentlemen who are going to save the city for the San Francisco Stock Exchange—and all in the name of patriotism, a living wage and a fair profit.

Exhibit A—Frederick J. Koster, president of the 1916 Chamber of Commerce and now president of the S. F. Baller Co. The very "spirit of vigilantism."

Exhibit B—Albert E. Boynton, managing director of the Industrial Assn. On peace, what crimes are committed in thy name?

What? No "Tear Gas" Plant? Exhibits C and D—Mortimer Fleischacker, chairman of the board of directors of the Anglo-California bank, and Roger D. Lapham, president of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Co. Oh T. G. Plant—where a-r-e you?

As for the rest, here they are for what they're worth:
Pineapple King
W. M. Alexander, board of directors, Alexander & Baldwin sugar and pineapple interests. Now Oscar, behave. Not that kind of "pineapple." E. Aven-ali, vice-president Crocker Bank; James B. Black, president Pacific Gas & Electric; Wakefield Baker, Hamilton Baker & Pacific Co., exporters; Louis Block, chairman Crown-Zellerbach and Division of Labor Statistics and Law Enforcement.

C. M. Cadman, president and general manager Pacific Coast Aggregates; J. R. Cahill of Cahill Bros., general contractors; Colbert Coldwell, president of Coldwell, Cornwall & Banker, insurance and real estate; A. N. Diehl, president of Columbia Steel (shades of Tom Girdler); E. T. Eisey, president and director of American Trust Co.; Milton H. Esberg, vice president of General Cigar Co.

Adrien J. Falk, general manager, Sussman-Wormser; W. P. Fuller, president W. P. Fuller Co. (remember that story about the Fuller brush salesman); R. R. Funsten, president W. N. Moore Dry Goods Co.; H. R. Gaither, president Pacific National Bank; S. C. Greene, attorney; W. Haas, president Levi Strauss Co.; L. W. Harris, vice-president Ames, Harris & Neville, burlap manufacturers; L. W. Heblman, vice-president of Wells Fargo; R. B. Henderson, president Portland Cement Co.; L. W. Hills, vice-president Hills Bros. Coffee Co.; J. W. Howell, president Chamber of Commerce; W. L. Hughson, president Hughson Motor Co.; William F. Humphrey, president Associated Oil Co.

Charles H. Kendrick, president Schlage Lock and Lactol Corp.; Kenneth R. Kingsbury, president Standard Oil of California (remember the Modesto frame-up?) A. D. MacDonald, president of Southern Pacific; C. K. McIntosh, president Bank of California; D. J. Murphy, Crocker National Bank; N. R. Powley, president Pacific Tel. and Tel. Co.; S. L. Rawlings, vice-president Calaveras Cement Co., and Leonard E. Wood, president California Packing Corporation.

CIO Wins Laundry Strike, Torrance
TORRANCE, Los Angeles County—Strike at the Torrance Laundry and Dry Cleaning plant here was settled last week when the company agreed to reinstate four women and two men fired months ago for union activity. The strike was called by the CIO Laundry Workers' Union.

The Maui workers won their strike, after a stiff battle. They gained an average of 18 per cent increase in wages, better houses, fewer men to the house and elimination of the worst features of a speed-up bonus system.

PICK JURY IN ISLAND TRIAL

Plantation Owners Dictate Through Prosecutors

HONOLULU, T. H.—Picking of the jury to try the nine Filipino plantation union leaders accused of kidnapping as an outgrowth of the recent strike on the island of Maui began last week.

Grover Johnson, International Labor Defense attorney, is defending the men. The sugar barons who control the islands have hired a special prosecutor in an attempt to railroad the defendants to jail.

All the accused workers were promised suspended sentences if they would plead guilty. They refused.

Sugar Barons Dictate
"Labor is on trial here," Attorney Johnson declared, "and not nine Filipino workers."

Prosecutors, and not mainland lawyers, tell the judge what to do in Hawaii and the wealthy sugar plantation owners, in turn, tell the prosecutors what to do, Johnson reports.

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DIRECTORY OF UNIONS FOR CANNERY AND FIELD WORKERS IN CALIFORNIA

The United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing House and Allied Workers of America, affiliated to the Committee for Industrial Organization, has urged all field and cannery workers to get in contact with its following chartered local unions in California and Arizona:

DAIRY WORKERS UNION, Local 3, Los Angeles; Frank Wells, 406 South Main St.

ALASKA CANNERY WORKERS UNION, Local 5, San Francisco; George Woolf, president, 32 Clay St.

CANNERY WORKERS UNION, Local 11, San Jose; Richard Eldridge, 72 North 2nd St.

AGRICULTURAL WORKERS UNION, Local 12, Marysville; L. F. Benedict, Route 2.

CANNERY & PRESERVE WORKERS UNION, Local 14; Pauline Gordon, 320 Market St.

CANNERY WORKERS UNION, Local 15, Oakland; Marcella Ryan, 531 11th St.

U. C. A. P. A. W. A., Local 18, Salinas; Clara Rice, Box 1427.

U. C. A. P. A. W. A., Local 20, Stockton; Vance Ambrose, 43 North Center St.

U. C. A. P. A. W. A., Local 22, Ventura; David Ralston, 531 East Meta St.

U. C. A. P. A. W. A., Local 23, Camarillo; David Ralston, 531 East Meta St., Ventura.

U. C. A. P. A. W. A., Local 24, Chowchilla; G. W. Barnes, Rt. 1, Box 25.

U. C. A. P. A. W. A., Local 26, Yuma Valley, Arizona; Max Boagarie, Box 2523, Phoenix, Arizona.

U. C. A. P. A. W. A., Local 29, Santa Ana; Alfred Boolean, 204 East 4th St.

U. C. A. P. A. W. A., Local 32, Watsonville; R. F. Ashford, Box 525.

U. C. A. P. A. W. A., Local 33, Sacramento; Luther Gow, 622 Eye St.

Lewis to Speak on Air September 3

WASHINGTON — John L. Lewis, chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization, will give an important radio speech on Friday, September 3, from 9:30 to 10 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, (6:30 to 7 p.m., Pacific Coast Time) over the Columbia Broadcasting System, it was announced here.

It is understood Lewis will deal with policies of the CIO and expose the reactionary attacks that have been made against it.

CIO White Collar Union Won 5-Day Week in Strike

SAN FRANCISCO—Strike action by 60 members of the CIO-affiliated Bank, Insurance & Office Employees Union last week ended the Safeway and Western State Grocery Co. warehouses to grant them a five-day week.